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THE FLASH
THE SUN'S OUT-- HARDLY A CLOUD IN THE SKIES ACROSS CENTRAL CITY--
--AND YET THERE'S A VIOLENT TORNADO WHIPPING THROUGH THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!
OTTO'S AUTO PARTS
VERY UNLIKELY WEATHER--
BUT A VERY LIKELY SIGN OF THE WEATHER WIZARD AT WORK!
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A SUPER-VILLAIN LIKE THE WEATHER WIZARD POSES A DEADLY THREAT TO THE FLASH FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS -- NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS A MASTER-FOE'S DIABOLIC CUNNING AND NEFARIOUS MOTIVES! BUT ONE DAY THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE DISCOVERS EVEN GOOD INTENTIONS CAN SPELL DISASTER--
THE CLOUD WITH THE LETHAL LINING!
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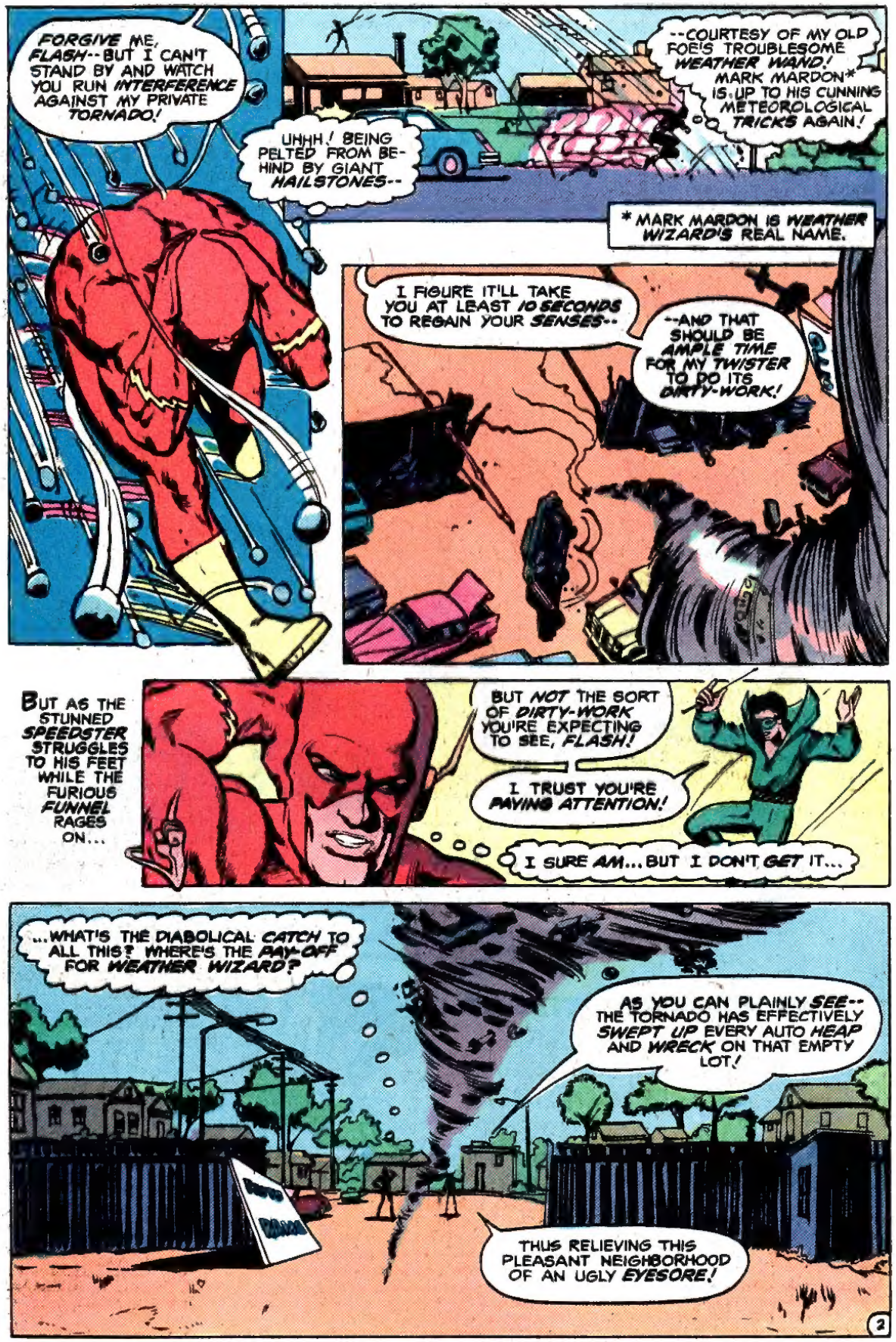
FORGIVE ME, FLASH--BUT I CAN'T STAND BY AND WATCH YOU RUN INTERFERENCE AGAINST MY PRIVATE TORNADO!
UHHH! BEING PELTED FROM BEHIND BY GIANT HAILSTONES--
--COURTESY OF MY OLD FOE'S TROUBLESOME WEATHER WAND! MARK MARDON* IS UP TO HIS CUNNING METEOROLOGICAL TRICKS AGAIN!
* MARK MARDON IS WEATHER WIZARD'S REAL NAME.
I FIGURE IT'LL TAKE YOU AT LEAST 10 SECONDS TO REGAIN YOUR SENSES--
--AND THAT SHOULD BE AMPLE TIME FOR MY TWISTER TO DO ITS DIRTY-WORK!
BUT AS THE STUNNED SPEEDSTER STRUGGLES TO HIS FEET WHILE THE FURIOUS FUNNEL RAGES ON...
BUT NOT THE SORT OF DIRTY-WORK YOU'RE EXPECTING TO SEE, FLASH!
I TRUST YOU'RE PAYING ATTENTION!
I SURE AM... BUT I DON'T GET IT...
...WHAT'S THE DIABOLICAL CATCH TO ALL THIS? WHERE'S THE PAY-OFF FOR WEATHER WIZARD?
AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE-- THE TORNADO HAS EFFECTIVELY SWEPT UP EVERY AUTO HEAP AND WRECK ON THAT EMPTY LOT!
THUS RELIEVING THIS PLEASANT NEIGHBORHOOD OF AN UGLY EYESORE!
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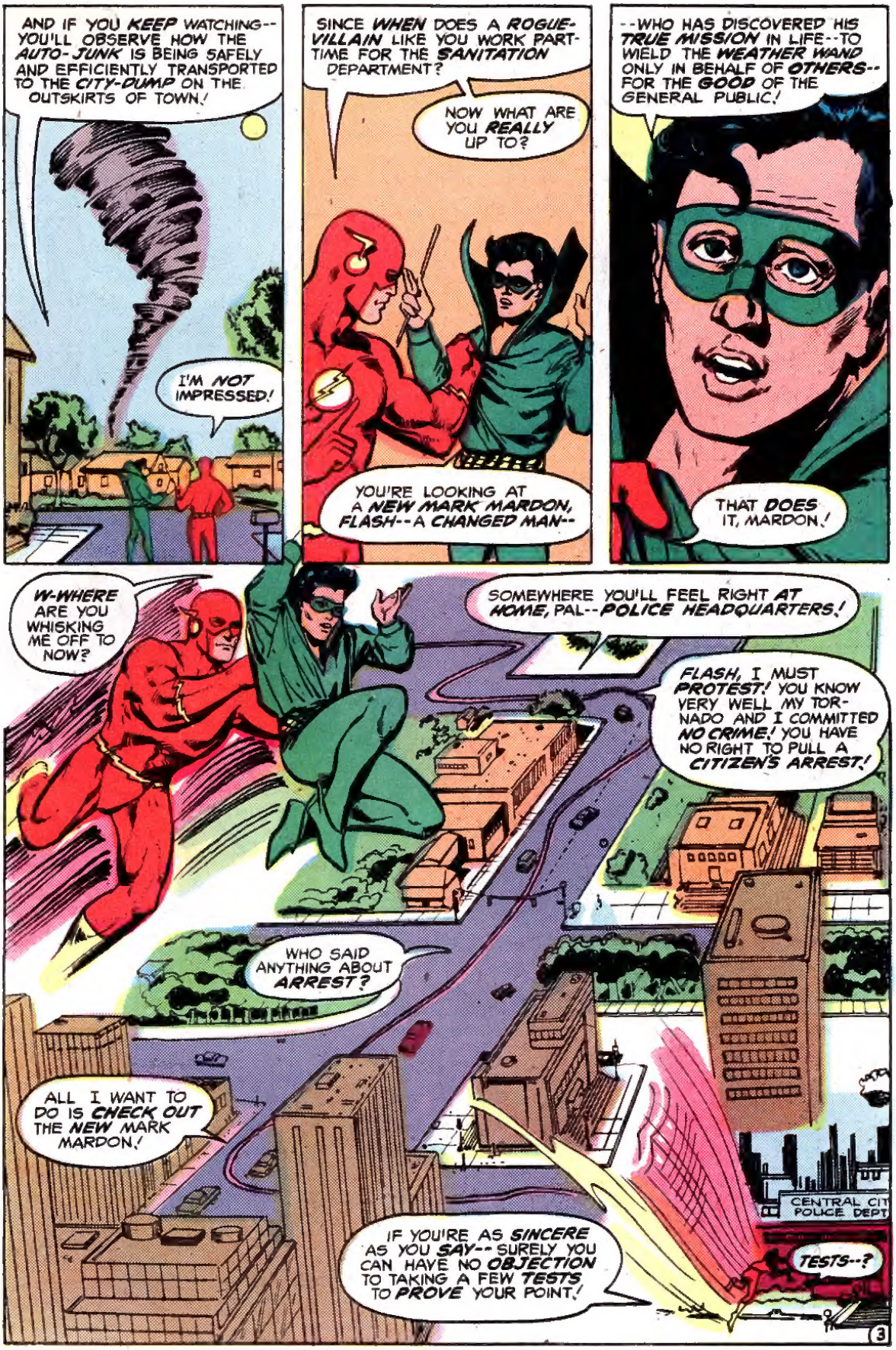
AND IF YOU KEEP WATCHING--YOU'LL OBSERVE HOW THE AUTO-JUNK IS BEING SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY TRANSPORTED TO THE CITY-DUMP ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN!
I'M NOT IMPRESSED!
SINCE WHEN DOES A ROGUE-VILLAIN LIKE YOU WORK PART-TIME FOR THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT?
NOW WHAT ARE YOU REALLY UP TO?
YOU'RE LOOKING AT A NEW MARK MARDON, FLASH--A CHANGED MAN--
--WHO HAS DISCOVERED HIS TRUE MISSION IN LIFE--TO WIELD THE WEATHER WAND ONLY IN BEHALF OF OTHERS--FOR THE GOOD OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC!
THAT DOES IT, MARDON!
W-WHERE ARE YOU WHISKING ME OFF TO NOW?
SOMEWHERE YOU'LL FEEL RIGHT AT HOME, PAL--POLICE HEADQUARTERS!
FLASH, I MUST PROTEST! YOU KNOW VERY WELL MY TORNADO AND I COMMITTED NO CRIME! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO PULL A CITIZEN'S ARREST!
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ARREST?
ALL I WANT TO DO IS CHECK OUT THE NEW MARK MARDON!
CENTRAL CITY POLICE DEPT
IF YOU'RE AS SINCERE AS YOU SAY-- SURELY YOU CAN HAVE NO OBJECTION TO TAKING A FEW TESTS TO PROVE YOUR POINT!
TESTS--?
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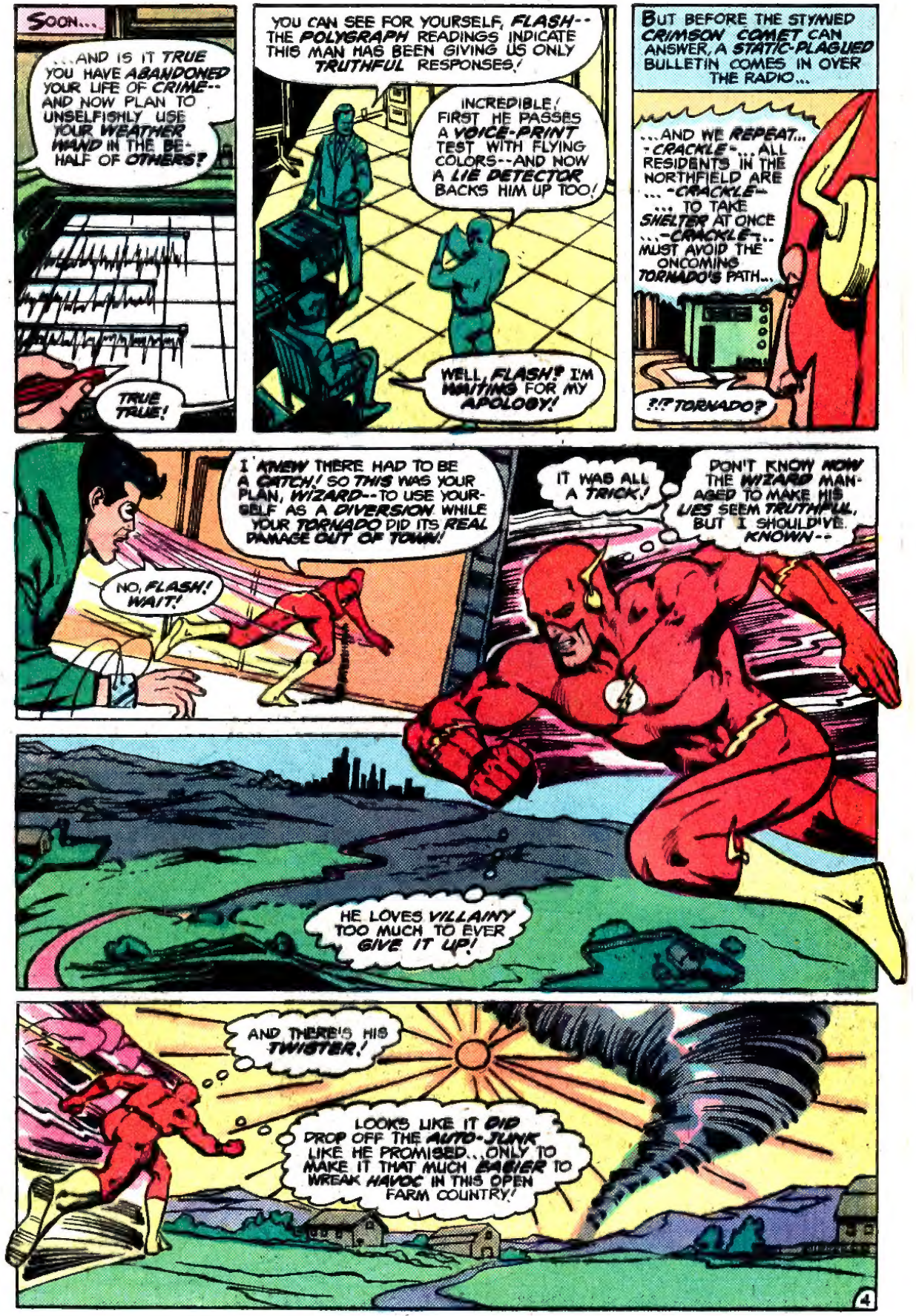
SOON...
...AND IS IT TRUE YOU HAVE ABANDONED YOUR LIFE OF CRIME--AND NOW PLAN TO UNSELFISHLY USE YOUR WEATHER WAND IN THE BEHALF OF OTHERS?
TRUE TRUE!
YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF, FLASH--THE POLYGRAPH READINGS INDICATE THIS MAN HAS BEEN GIVING US ONLY TRUTHFUL RESPONSES!
INCREDIBLE! FIRST HE PASSES A VOICE-PRINT TEST WITH FLYING COLORS--AND NOW A LIE DETECTOR BACKS HIM UP TOO!
WELL, FLASH? I'M WAITING FOR MY APOLOGY!
BUT BEFORE THE STYMIED CRIMSON COMET CAN ANSWER, A STATIC-PLAGUED BULLETIN COMES IN OVER THE RADIO...
...AND WE REPEAT... -CRACKLE-... ALL RESIDENTS IN THE NORTHFIELD ARE ... -CRACKLE-... TO TAKE SHELTER AT ONCE ...-CRACKLE-... MUST AVOID THE ONCOMING TORNADO'S PATH...
?!? TORNADO?
I KNEW THERE HAD TO BE A CATCH! SO THIS WAS YOUR PLAN, WIZARD--TO USE YOURSELF AS A DIVERSION WHILE YOUR TORNADO DID ITS REAL DAMAGE OUT OF TOWN!
NO, FLASH! WAIT!
IT WAS ALL A TRICK!
DON'T KNOW HOW THE WIZARD MANAGED TO MAKE HIS LIES SEEM TRUTHFUL, BUT I SHOULD'VE KNOWN--
HE LOVES VILLAINY TOO MUCH TO EVER GIVE IT UP!
AND THERE'S HIS TWISTER!
LOOKS LIKE IT DID DROP OFF THE AUTO-JUNK LIKE HE PROMISED...ONLY TO MAKE IT THAT MUCH EASIER TO WREAK HAVOC IN THIS OPEN FARM COUNTRY!
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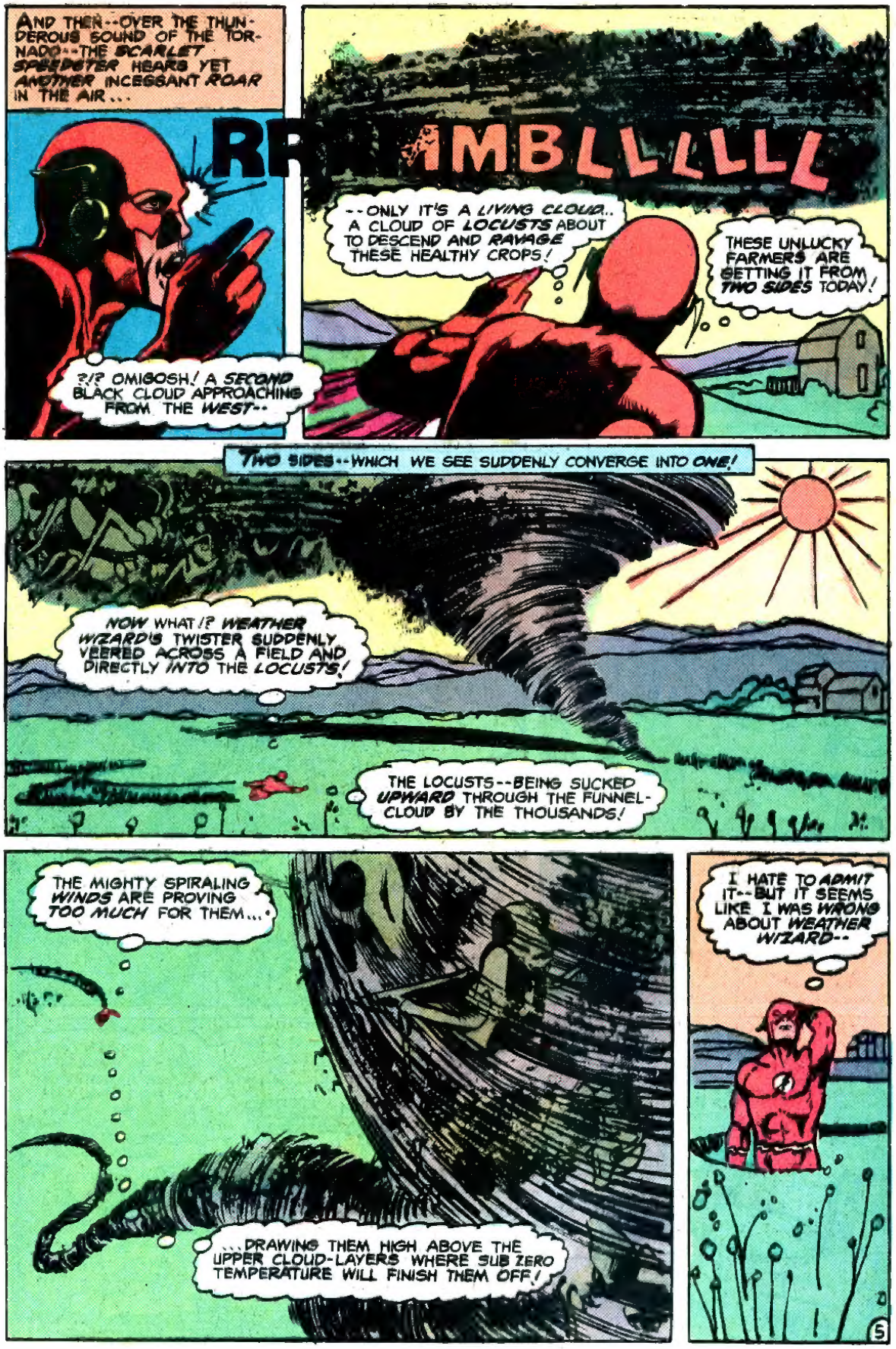
AND THEN--OVER THE THUNDEROUS SOUND OF THE TORNADO--THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER HEARS YET ANOTHER INCESSANT ROAR IN THE AIR...
RRRR

SCANT MOMENTS LATER...
THERE YOU ARE, FLASH! I ASSUME YOU WATCHED WITH YOUR OWN EYES WHILE MY TORNADO DISPENSED THOSE LOCUSTS INTO THE STRATOSPHERE!
HOW DID YOU MANAGE IT FROM HERE, WIZARD--OR ARE YOU A MAGICIAN NOW TOO?
NOT AT ALL--YOU JUST DIDN'T NOTICE I LEFT MY WEATHER WAND BEHIND WHEN YOU WHISKED ME AWAY!
IT CAN TELEKINETICALLY* FLY UNDER ITS OWN POWER, DON'T YOU SEE! I KNEW IN ADVANCE ABOUT THE LOCUSTS...
* TELEKINETIC: MIND-OVER-MATTER.
...SO I WAS MENTALLY CONTROLLING THE WAND ALL ALONG AS IT KEPT TABS ON THE TORNADO--DIRECTING IT TO THE FARMLAND VIA "REMOTE-CONTROL"!
AND NOW, MY FORMER FOE--I BELIEVE I AM STILL OWED AN APOLOGY!
ALL RIGHT, WIZARD... YOU WIN! AS MUCH AS I'M INCLINED TO DOUBT IT--THE FACTS SEEM TO INDICATE YOU REALLY HAVE REFORMED!
I APOLOGIZE!
NOW, THAT WASN'T SO DIFFICULT, WAS IT? BE SEEING YOU, SPEEDSTER!
THE NEXT EVENING, AT THE HOME OF POLICE SCIENTIST BARRY ALLEN...
...AND THE TROUBLESOME STATIC INTERFERENCE THAT HAS BEEN PLAGUING ALL RADIO AND TV TRANSMISSIONS THE PAST FEW DAYS IS DIRECTLY DUE TO THE UNUSUALLY HIGH SUNSPOT ACTIVITY RAGING ON THE SUN'S SURFACE!
THANK YOU! THAT WAS OUR METEOROLOGIST FRANK SMITH!
AND SPEAKING OF METEOROLOGY--
ALL OF CENTRAL CITY IS STILL REELING IN AMAZEMENT FROM THE VILLAINOUS WEATHER WIZARD'S REMARKABLE CONVERSION FROM CRIMINAL TO GOOD SAMARITAN!
NEWS
JUST WITNESS A SEGMENT FROM AN INTERVIEW TAPED THIS MORNING--

...BUT WHY ARE YOU CRYING, WW?
DIDN'T YOU READ TODAY'S PAPER? THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE MAY LOSE THEIR HOMES BECAUSE OF THE FLOOD CONDITIONS THAT THREATEN BLUE VALLEY!
THOSE GOOD PEOPLE ;SNIFF: ARE FACING DISASTER...
...THEY NEED MY HELP... CRACKLE... PHIZZZZ-
MORE STATIC--AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON! WATCHING WEATHER WIZARD BREAK DOWN IN TEARS OVER THE FATE OF FLOOD VICTIMS IS MORE THAN I CAN BEAR.
HE'S EVEN MORE UNSTABLE NOW THAN HE USED TO BE AS A VILLAIN!
A SHIFT OF SCENE THAT VERY MOMENT--TO THE NEARBY SMALL TOWN KNOWN AS BLUE VALLEY--A COMMUNITY WITH MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF PROBLEMS LATELY...
WELL, SLIM, AT LEAST THE RAIN FINALLY STOPPED!
LOT OF GOOD THAT DOES US! THE RIVER IS STILL OVERFLOWING AND POURING OVER THE LEVEE!
THE WATER-LEVEL IS STILL RISING!
BUT JUST ONE STARTLING MOMENT LATER...
GOOD GRAVY, SLIM! WHAT THE BLAZES IS HAPPENING HERE? LOOKS LIKE ALL THE WATER'S TURNING TO STEAM!
CAN'T BE STEAM... THERE'S NO HEAT RISING OFF THE GROUND!
NOT STEAM, GOOD PEOPLE--WATER VAPOR!
MY FABULOUS WEATHER WAND HAS TRANSFORMED YOUR FLOOD WATERS INTO A BILLOWING LOW-LYING FOG...
...WHICH IS NOW RISING UP, UP AND AWAY FROM YOUR BLUE VALLEY STREET!
JEHOSOPHAT! NOT EVEN FLASH COULD TURN A FLOOD INTO A HARMLESS CLOUD!
WHEN IT COMES TO WEATHER, THIS GUY REALLY IS A WIZARD!
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AND SOON...
NOW--IT'S HIGH-TIME I KEPT MY PROMISE TO MY FELLOW-CITIZENS BACK HOME... AND USED MY WEATHER WAND TO BRING RELIEF TO CENTRAL CITY!
BUT UNBEKNOWNST TO THE WILY WIZARD...
...HIS WAND HAS BEEN GROWING MORE POWERFUL BY THE SPLIT-SECOND--SO POWERFUL IT EXERTS AN INVISIBLE, INEXORABLE FORCE OVER THE BLUE VALLEY CLOUD...
...PULLING IT ALONG FOR THE RIDE!
MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE ALLEN HOUSE...
ADJUSTING TO A LIFE OF BACHELORHOOD AGAIN IS GOING TO BE A LONG, SLOW HAUL!
CENTRAL CITY SUN WIZARD PROMISES RELIEF FROM HEAT WAVE
SO MANY LITTLE THINGS I USED TO TAKE FOR GRANTED I HAVE TO DO FOR MYSELF AGAIN--LIKE DIRTY DISHES!
WONDER WHAT IRIS WOULD'VE USED TO GET RID OF THESE BLACKBERRY STAINS! TALK ABOUT STUBBORN SPOTS...
WAIT A MINUTE--SPOTS! HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO DENSE NOT TO SEE THE CONNECTION BEFORE--
SUNSPOTS!
NOT ONLY DO SUNSPOTS CAUSE TV AND RADIO STATIC... IT'S A WELL-KNOWN FACT THEY ALSO PLAY HAVOC WITH THE WEATHER!
WHAT IF THE FAR-REACHING SUNSPOT RADIATION HAS ALSO AFFECTED MARK MARDON'S WEATHER-WAND?!
FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW, BARRY PRESSES A HIDDEN BUTTON ON HIS RING--RELEASING A COMPRESSED SCARLET UNIFORM THAT INSTANTLY EXPANDS ON CONTACT WITH THE AIR...
SINCE THE WAND IS DIRECTLY ATTUNED TO MARDON'S BRAIN... AND SINCE ALL THOUGHT-ACTIVITY IS ELECTRICAL BY NATURE--
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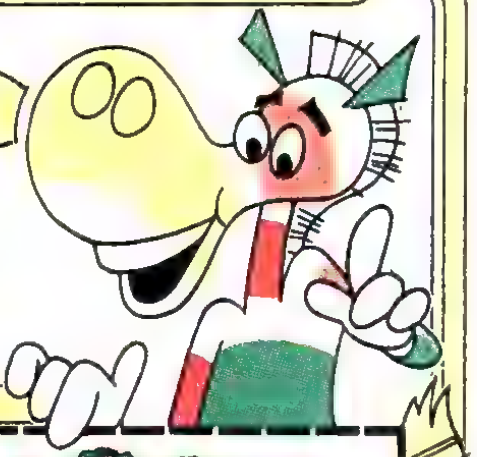

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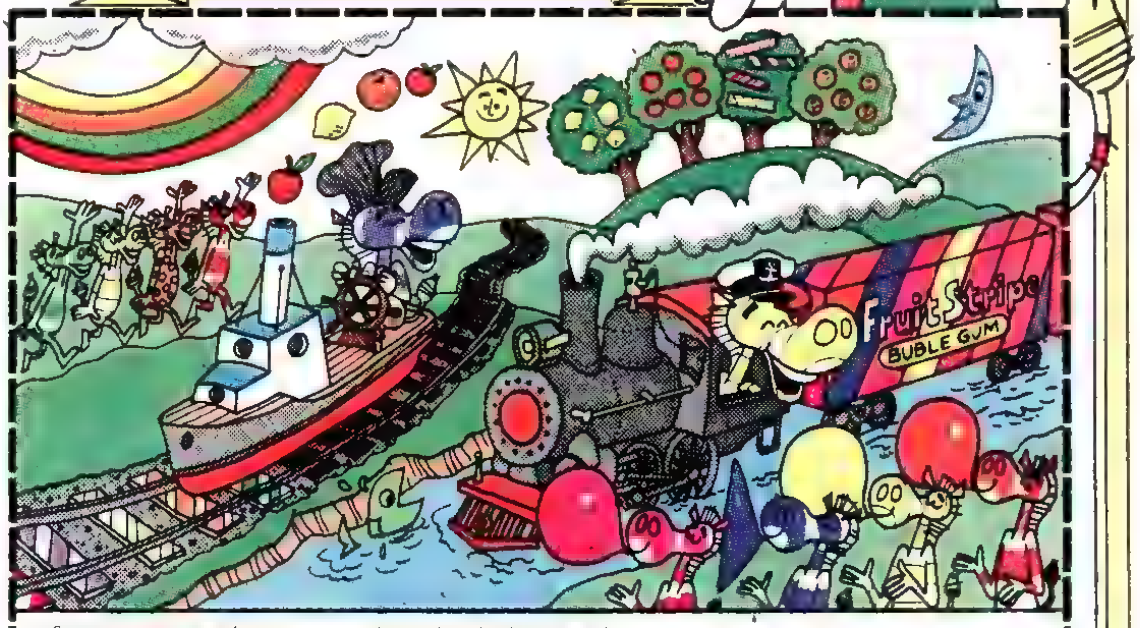

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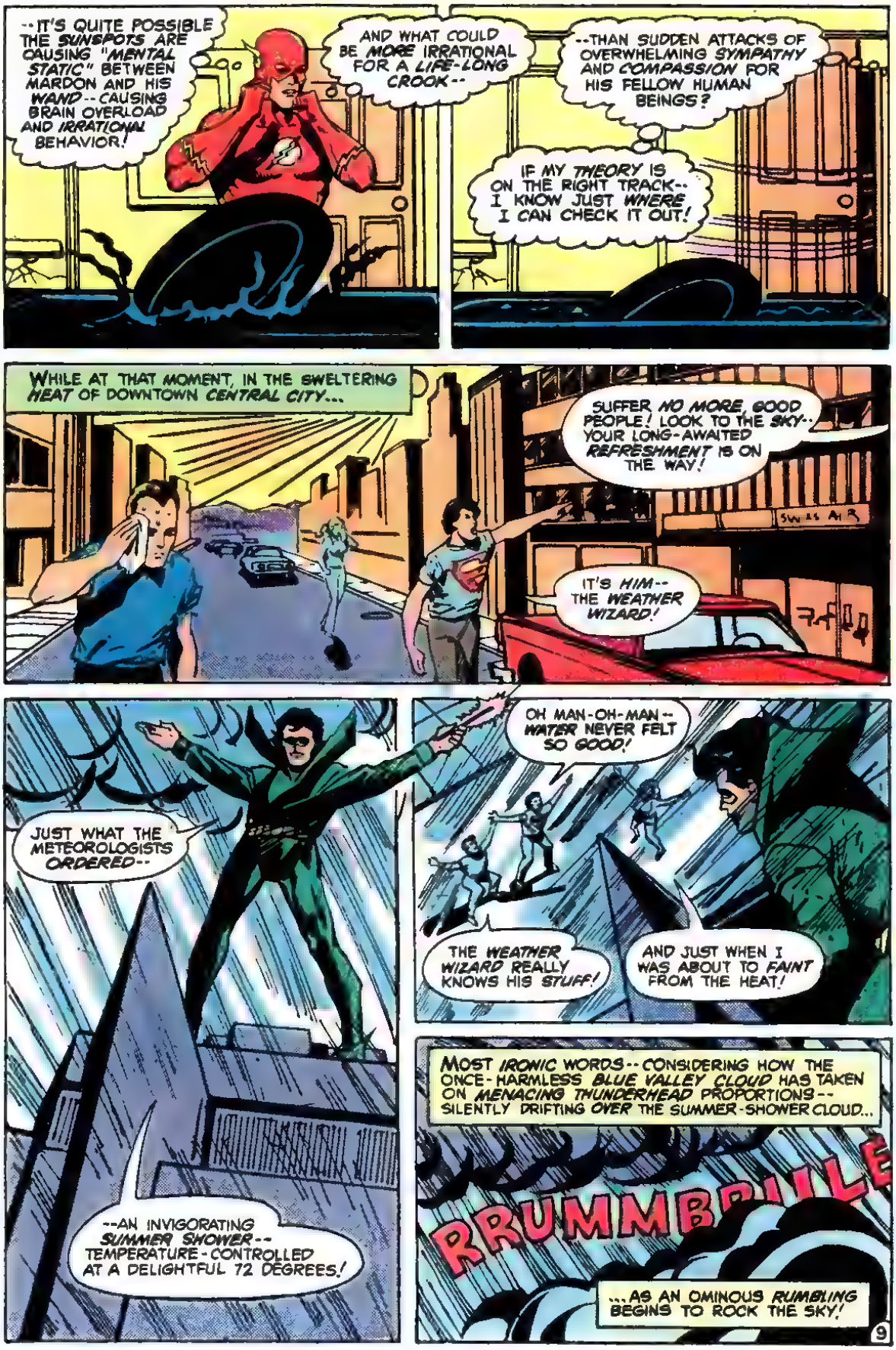
--IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE THE SUNSPOTS ARE CAUSING "MENTAL STATIC" BETWEEN MARDON AND HIS WAND--CAUSING BRAIN OVERLOAD AND IRRATIONAL BEHAVIOR!
AND WHAT COULD BE MORE IRRATIONAL FOR A LIFE-LONG CROOK--
--THAN SUDDEN ATTACKS OF OVERWHELMING SYMPATHY AND COMPASSION FOR HIS FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS?
IF MY THEORY IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK--I KNOW JUST WHERE I CAN CHECK IT OUT!
WHILE AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE SWELTERING HEAT OF DOWNTOWN CENTRAL CITY...
SUFFER NO MORE, GOOD PEOPLE! LOOK TO THE SKY--YOUR LONG-AWAITED REFRESHMENT IS ON THE WAY!
IT'S HIM--THE WEATHER WIZARD!
JUST WHAT THE METEOROLOGISTS ORDERED--
--AN INVIGORATING SUMMER SHOWER--TEMPERATURE-CONTROLLED AT A DELIGHTFUL 72 DEGREES!
OH MAN-OH-MAN--WATER NEVER FELT SO GOOD!
THE WEATHER WIZARD REALLY KNOWS HIS STUFF!
AND JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO FAINT FROM THE HEAT!
MOST IRONIC WORDS--CONSIDERING HOW THE ONCE-HARMLESS BLUE VALLEY CLOUD HAS TAKEN ON MENACING THUNDERHEAD PROPORTIONS--SILENTLY DRIFTING OVER THE SUMMER-SHOWER CLOUD...
RRUMMBLE
...AS AN OMINOUS RUMBLING BEGINS TO ROCK THE SKY!
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MEANWHILE...
...AND THE SUNSPOT STORM YOU'RE SEEING NOW IS THE GRANDADDY OF THEM ALL, FLASH! LORD KNOWS HOW MANY ATMOSPHERIC DISTURBANCES THAT LAST HUGE BRUPTION IS CAUSING AT THIS VERY MOMENT!
AS WE SAID, YOUR THEORY ABOUT WEATHER WIZARD IS FAR-FETCHED--
--BUT PLAUSIBLE NONETHELESS! SO IF INDEED HE AND HIS WAND ARE BEING AFFECTED BY THESE FLARE-UPS--
THIS LAST STORM MIGHT JUST THROW HIM AND HIS POWER COMPLETELY HAYWIRE!
I'M AFRAID SO, PA--
--SH!
HUH? WHERE DID HE GO?
RRUMMMMBBBLLLE
IT'S COMING DOWN BY THE GALLON!
GLUB! AT THIS RATE WE'LL HAVE TO START BUILDING AN ARK SOON!
IS THIS WEATHER WIZARD'S IDEA OF A JOKE? THAT GUY MUST BE OUTA HIS GOURD!
RAIN, RAIN, AND MORE RAIN!
REVEL IN IT, GOOD PEOPLE -- NEVER AGAIN SHALL YOU BE PLAGUED BY DROUGHT!
MY WAND AND I ARE DOING IT ALL FOR YOU!
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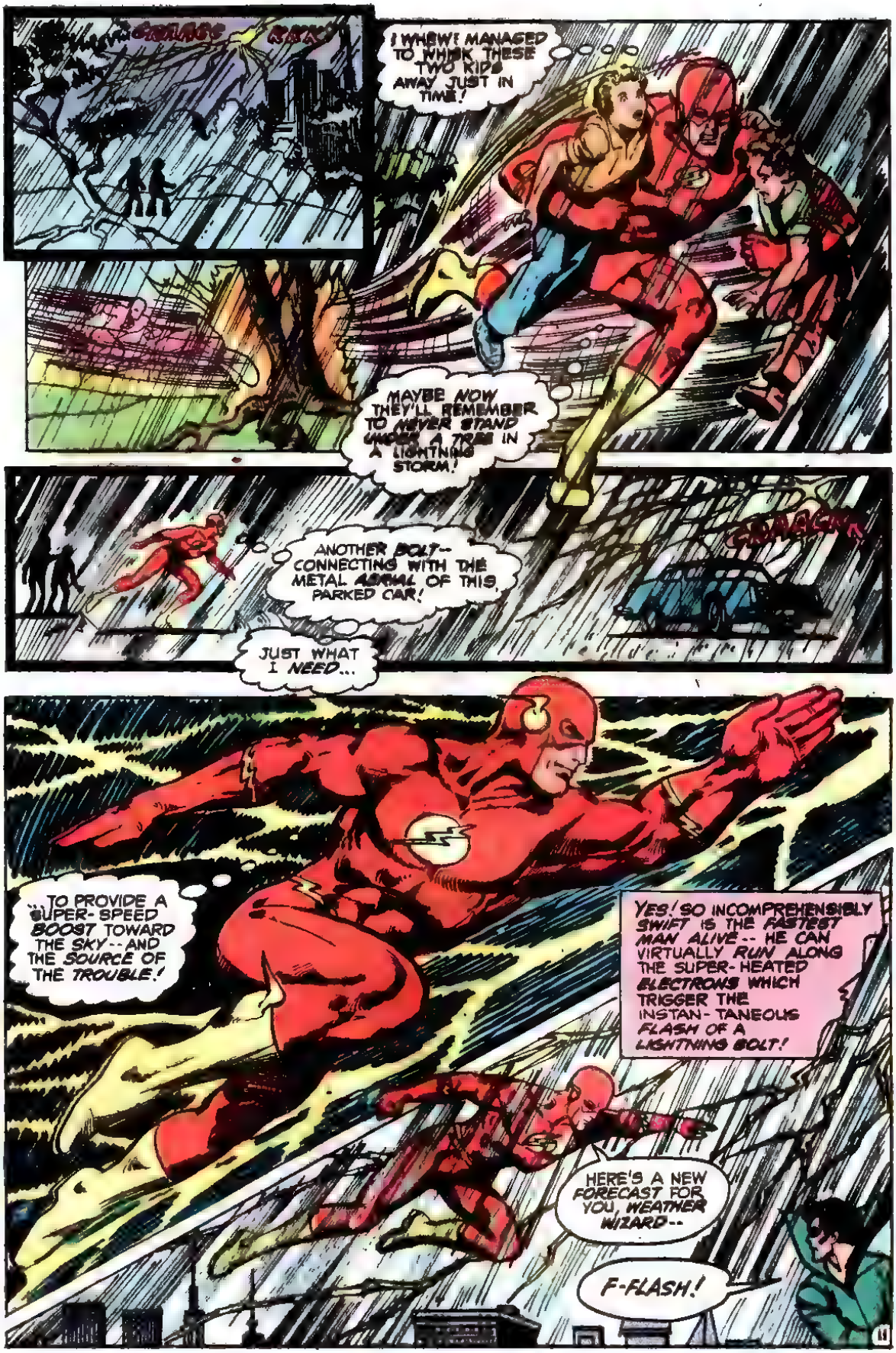
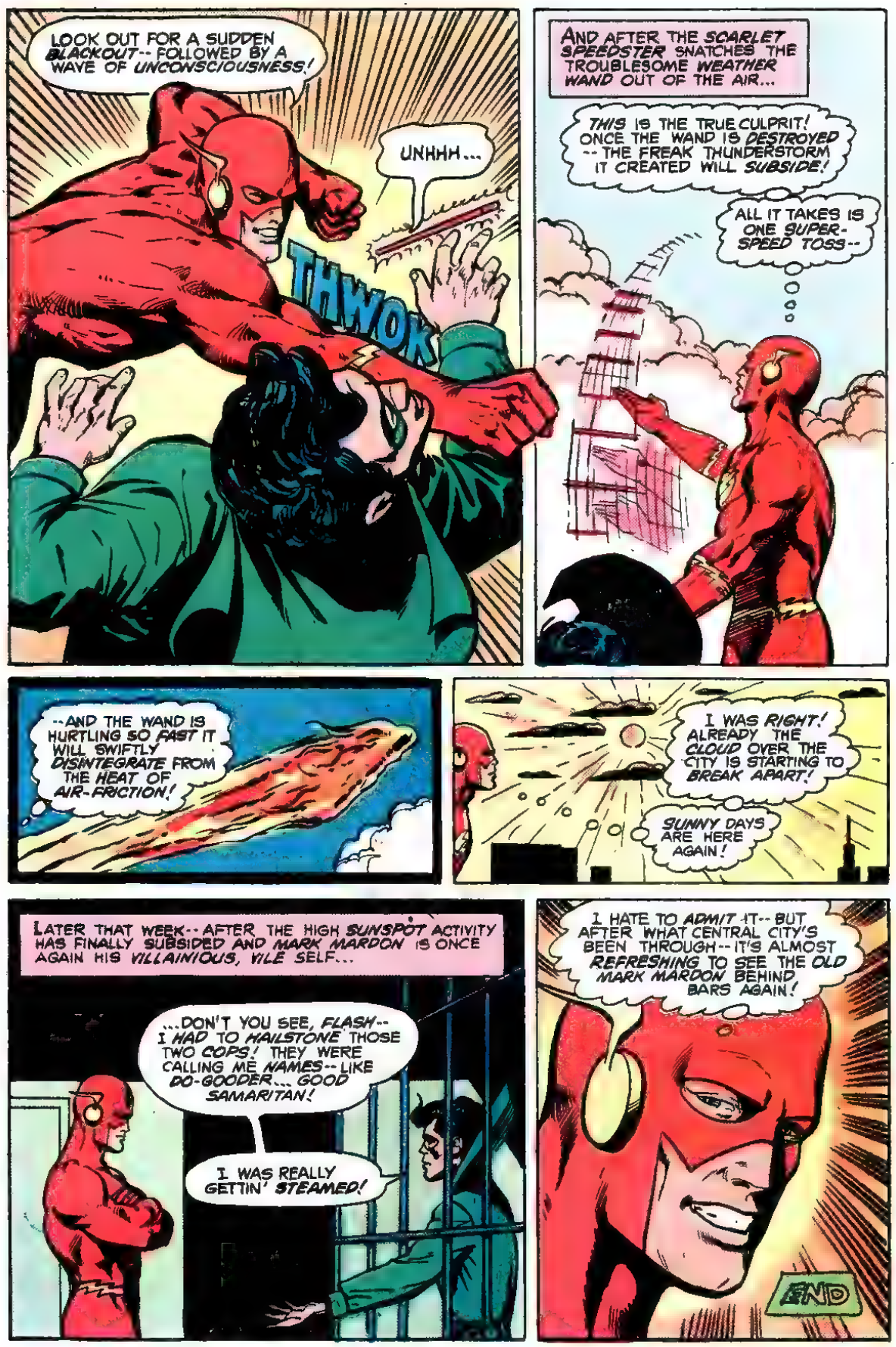

CRRAACK!
I WHEW! MANAGED TO WHISK THESE TWO KIDS AWAY JUST IN TIME!
MAYBE NOW THEY'LL REMEMBER TO NEVER STAND UNDER A TREE IN A LIGHTNING STORM!
CRRAACK!
ANOTHER BOLT-- CONNECTING WITH THE METAL AERIAL OF THIS PARKED CAR!
JUST WHAT I NEED...
...TO PROVIDE A SUPER-SPEED BOOST TOWARD THE SKY--AND THE SOURCE OF THE TROUBLE!
YES! SO INCOMPREHENSIBLY SWIFT IS THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE-- HE CAN VIRTUALLY RUN ALONG THE SUPER-HEATED ELECTRONS WHICH TRIGGER THE INSTAN-TANEOUS FLASH OF A LIGHTNING BOLT!
HERE'S A NEW FORECAST FOR YOU, WEATHER WIZARD--
F-FLASH!


LOOK OUT FOR A SUDDEN BLACKOUT-- FOLLOWED BY A WAVE OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS!
UNHHH...
THWOK
AND AFTER THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER SNATCHES THE TROUBLESOME WEATHER WAND OUT OF THE AIR...
THIS IS THE TRUE CULPRIT! ONCE THE WAND IS DESTROYED -- THE FREAK THUNDERSTORM IT CREATED WILL SUBSIDE!
ALL IT TAKES IS ONE SUPER-SPEED TOSS--
--AND THE WAND IS HURTLING SO FAST IT WILL SWIFTLY DISINTEGRATE FROM THE HEAT OF AIR-FRICTION!
I WAS RIGHT! ALREADY THE CLOUD OVER THE CITY IS STARTING TO BREAK APART!
SUNNY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!
LATER THAT WEEK-- AFTER THE HIGH SUNSPOT ACTIVITY HAS FINALLY SUBSIDED AND MARK MARDON IS ONCE AGAIN HIS VILLAINIOUS, VILE SELF...
...DON'T YOU SEE, FLASH-- I HAD TO HAILSTONE THOSE TWO COPS! THEY WERE CALLING ME NAMES-- LIKE DO-GOODER... GOOD SAMARITAN!
I WAS REALLY GETTIN' STEAMED!
I HATE TO ADMIT IT-- BUT AFTER WHAT CENTRAL CITY'S BEEN THROUGH-- IT'S ALMOST REFRESHING TO SEE THE OLD MARK MARDON BEHIND BARS AGAIN!
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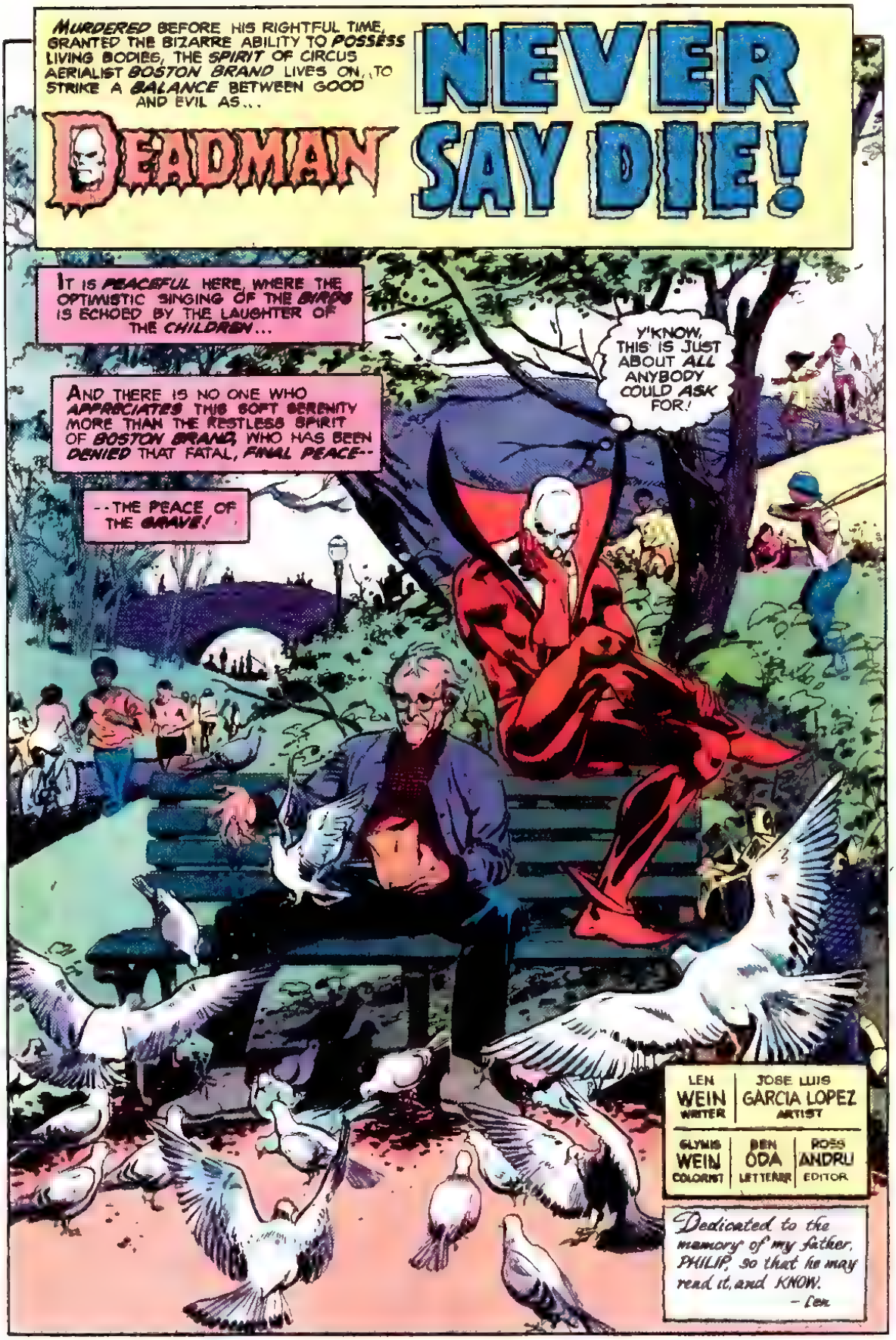
MURDERED BEFORE HIS RIGHTFUL TIME, GRANTED THE BIZARRE ABILITY TO POSSESS LIVING BODIES, THE SPIRIT OF CIRCUS AERIALIST BOSTON BRAND LIVES ON, TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL AS...
DEADMAN
NEVER SAY DIE!
IT IS PEACEFUL HERE, WHERE THE OPTIMISTIC SINGING OF THE BIRDS IS ECHOED BY THE LAUGHTER OF THE CHILDREN...
AND THERE IS NO ONE WHO APPRECIATES THIS SOFT SERENITY MORE THAN THE RESTLESS SPIRIT OF BOSTON BRAND, WHO HAS BEEN DENIED THAT FATAL, FINAL PEACE--
--THE PEACE OF THE GRAVE!
Y'KNOW, THIS IS JUST ABOUT ALL ANYBODY COULD ASK FOR!
LEN WEIN WRITER
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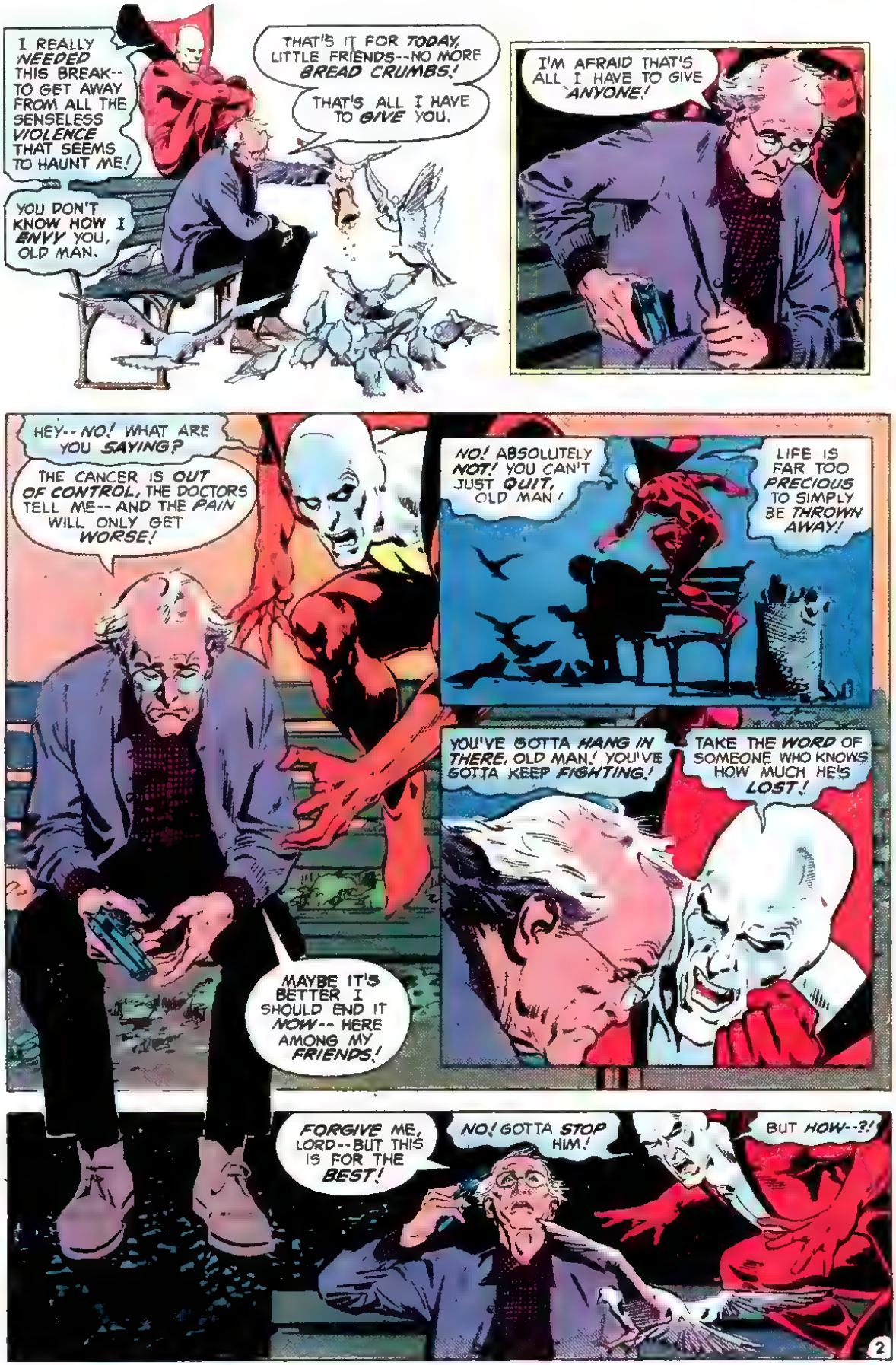
Dedicated to the memory of my father, PHILIP, so that he may read it, and KNOW.
- Len


I REALLY NEEDED THIS BREAK-- TO GET AWAY FROM ALL THE SENSELESS VIOLENCE THAT SEEMS TO HAUNT ME!
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW I ENVY YOU, OLD MAN.
THAT'S IT FOR TODAY, LITTLE FRIENDS--NO MORE BREAD CRUMBS!
THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO GIVE YOU.
I'M AFRAID THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO GIVE ANYONE!
HEY--NO! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THE CANCER IS OUT OF CONTROL, THE DOCTORS TELL ME--AND THE PAIN WILL ONLY GET WORSE!
NO! ABSOLUTELY NOT! YOU CAN'T JUST QUIT, OLD MAN!
LIFE IS FAR TOO PRECIOUS TO SIMPLY BE THROWN AWAY!
YOU'VE GOTTA HANG IN THERE, OLD MAN! YOU'VE GOTTA KEEP FIGHTING!
TAKE THE WORD OF SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH HE'S LOST!
MAYBE IT'S BETTER I SHOULD END IT NOW--HERE AMONG MY FRIENDS!
FORGIVE ME, LORD--BUT THIS IS FOR THE BEST!
NO! GOTTA STOP HIM!
BUT HOW--?!
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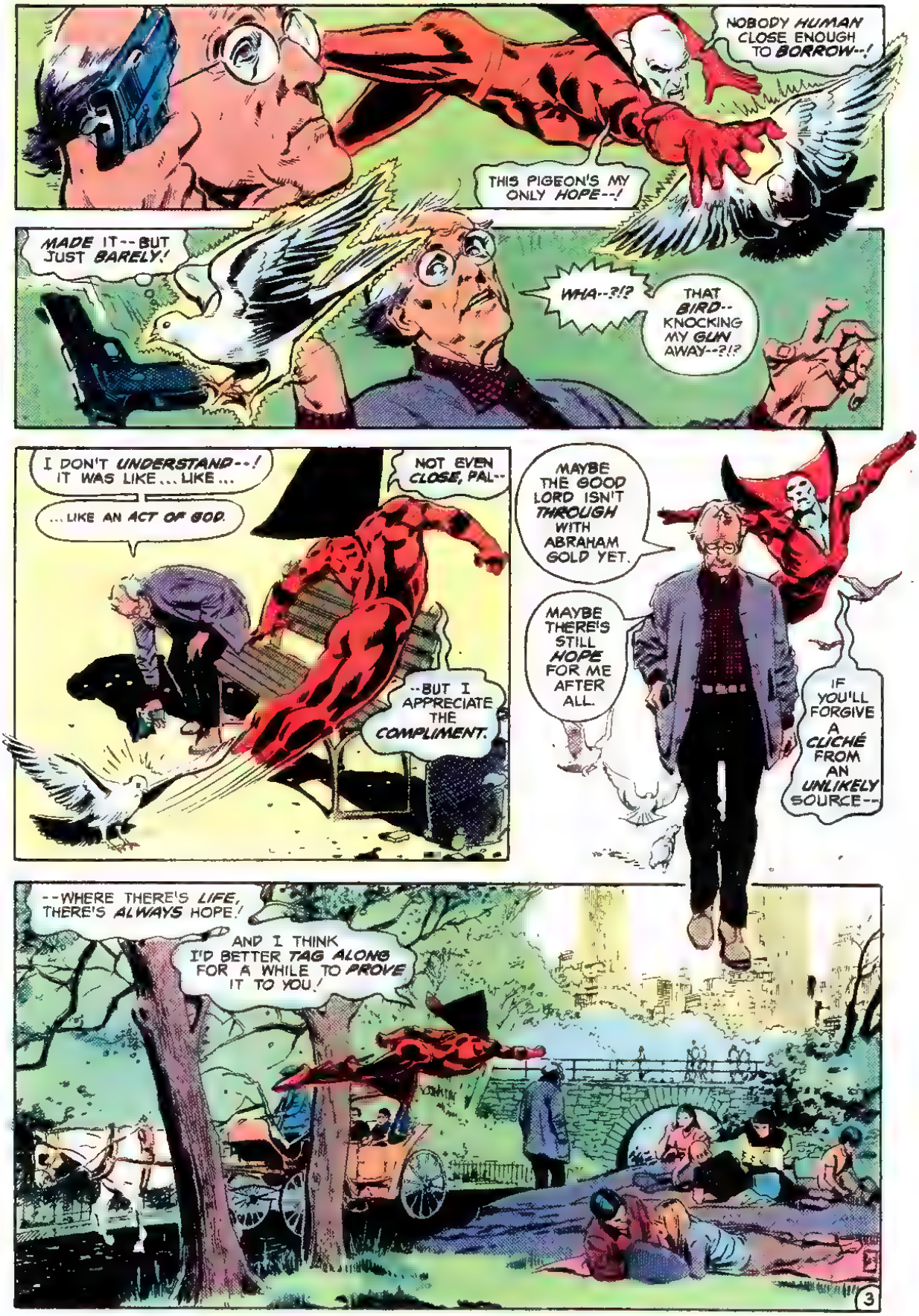
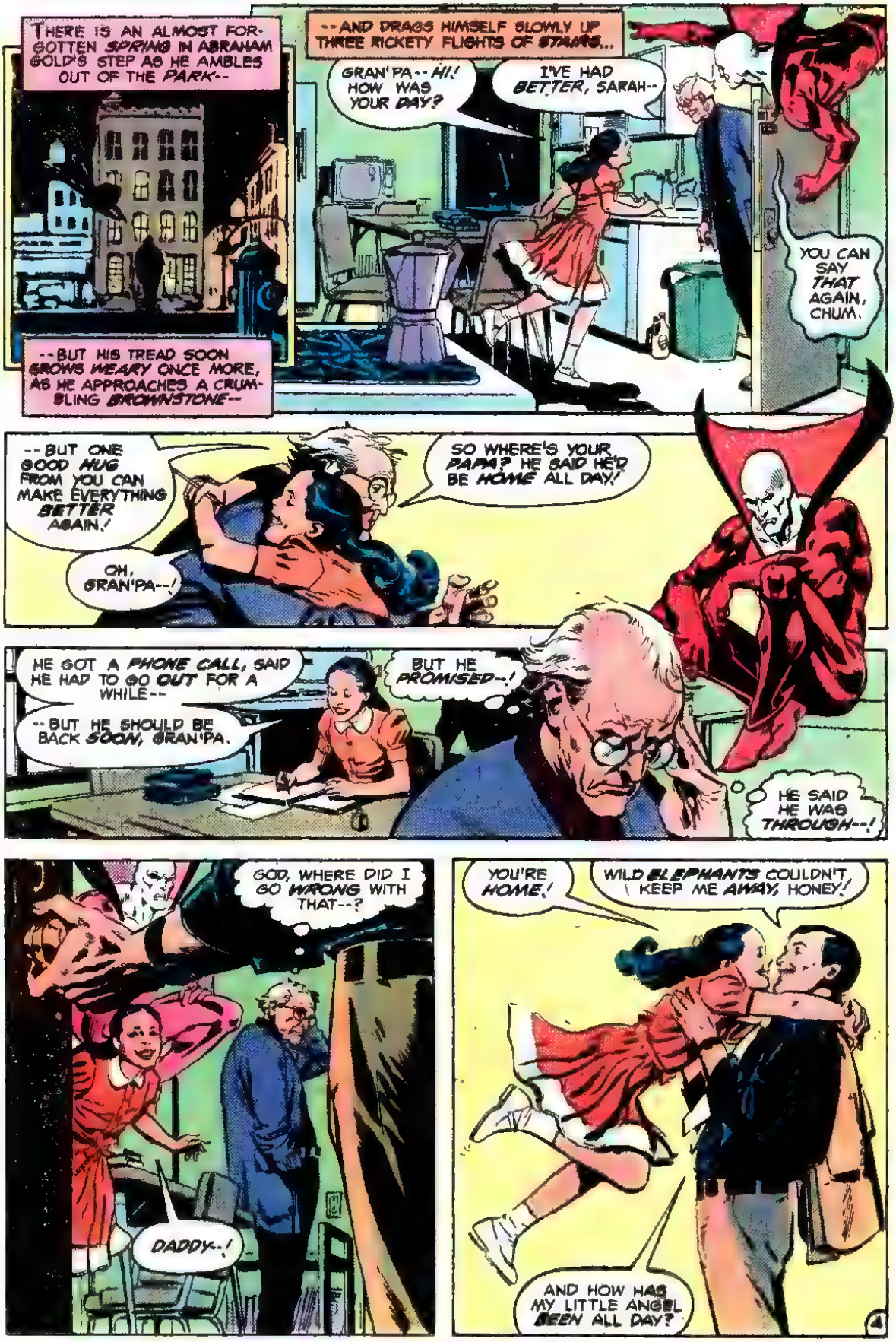

NOBODY HUMAN CLOSE ENOUGH TO BORROW--!
THIS PIGEON'S MY ONLY HOPE--!
MADE IT--BUT JUST BARELY!
WHA--?!?
THAT BIRD-- KNOCKING MY GUN AWAY--?!?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND--! IT WAS LIKE... LIKE...
...LIKE AN ACT OF GOD.
NOT EVEN CLOSE, PAL--
--BUT I APPRECIATE THE COMPLIMENT.
MAYBE THE GOOD LORD ISN'T THROUGH WITH ABRAHAM GOLD YET.
MAYBE THERE'S STILL HOPE FOR ME AFTER ALL.
IF YOU'LL FORGIVE A CLICHÉ FROM AN UNLIKELY SOURCE--
--WHERE THERE'S LIFE, THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE!
AND I THINK I'D BETTER TAG ALONG FOR A WHILE TO PROVE IT TO YOU.


THERE IS AN ALMOST FORGOTTEN SPRING IN ABRAHAM GOLD'S STEP AS HE AMBLES OUT OF THE PARK--
--BUT HIS TREAD SOON GROWS WEARY ONCE MORE, AS HE APPROACHES A CRUMBLING BROWNSTONE--
--AND DRAGS HIMSELF SLOWLY UP THREE RICKETY FLIGHTS OF STAIRS...
GRAN'PA--HI! HOW WAS YOUR DAY?
I'VE HAD BETTER, SARAH--
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, CHUM.
--BUT ONE GOOD HUG FROM YOU CAN MAKE EVERYTHING BETTER AGAIN!
OH, GRAN'PA--!
SO WHERE'S YOUR PAPA? HE SAID HE'D BE HOME ALL DAY!
HE GOT A PHONE CALL, SAID HE HAD TO GO OUT FOR A WHILE--
--BUT HE SHOULD BE BACK SOON, GRAN'PA.
BUT HE PROMISED--!
HE SAID HE WAS THROUGH--!
GOD, WHERE DID I GO WRONG WITH THAT--?
DADDY--!
YOU'RE HOME!
WILD ELEPHANTS COULDN'T KEEP ME AWAY, HONEY!
AND HOW WAS MY LITTLE ANGEL BEEN ALL DAY?
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SHE'S BEEN FINE, JACOB--
--NO THANKS TO YOU!
HELLO, POP.
COULD YOU PLEASE SPARE ME THE LECTURE THIS TIME?
REAL CUTE GUY.
WHERE WERE YOU ALL DAY, JACOB? OUT SELLING DRUGS AGAIN?
OUT RUINING THE LIVES OF MORE INNOCENT KIDS?
ANSWER ME, JACOB! ANSWER ME!!
WILL YOU GET OFF MY BACK, OLD MAN?
WHAT I DO ALL DAY IS NONE OF YOUR DAMN BUSINESS!
I PUT A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS, DON'T I? MY KID DOESN'T GO HUNGRY, DOES SHE?
BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE OTHER POOR CHILDREN--?
THOSE KIDS AREN'T MY PROBLEM! DO YOU THINK I LIKE DOING WHAT I DO, POP? IT'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO...
...IF I WANT TO KEEP ON BREATHING!
COWARD! YOU'RE NO SON OF MINE!
MAYBE NOT, POP.
MAYBE NOT ANY MORE!
NOW THERE GOES A REAL SWEETHEART.
GRAN'PA, WHAT'S WRONG WITH DADDY?
NOTHING, MY PRECIOUS DARLING.
NOTHING EITHER OF US CAN MAKE BETTER.
I CAN SEE NOW WHY YOU WANTED TO KILL YOURSELF, OLD MAN.
ALL THINGS CONSIDERED IT WOULD BE LESS PAINFUL THAN THE HELL YOU'RE LIVING.
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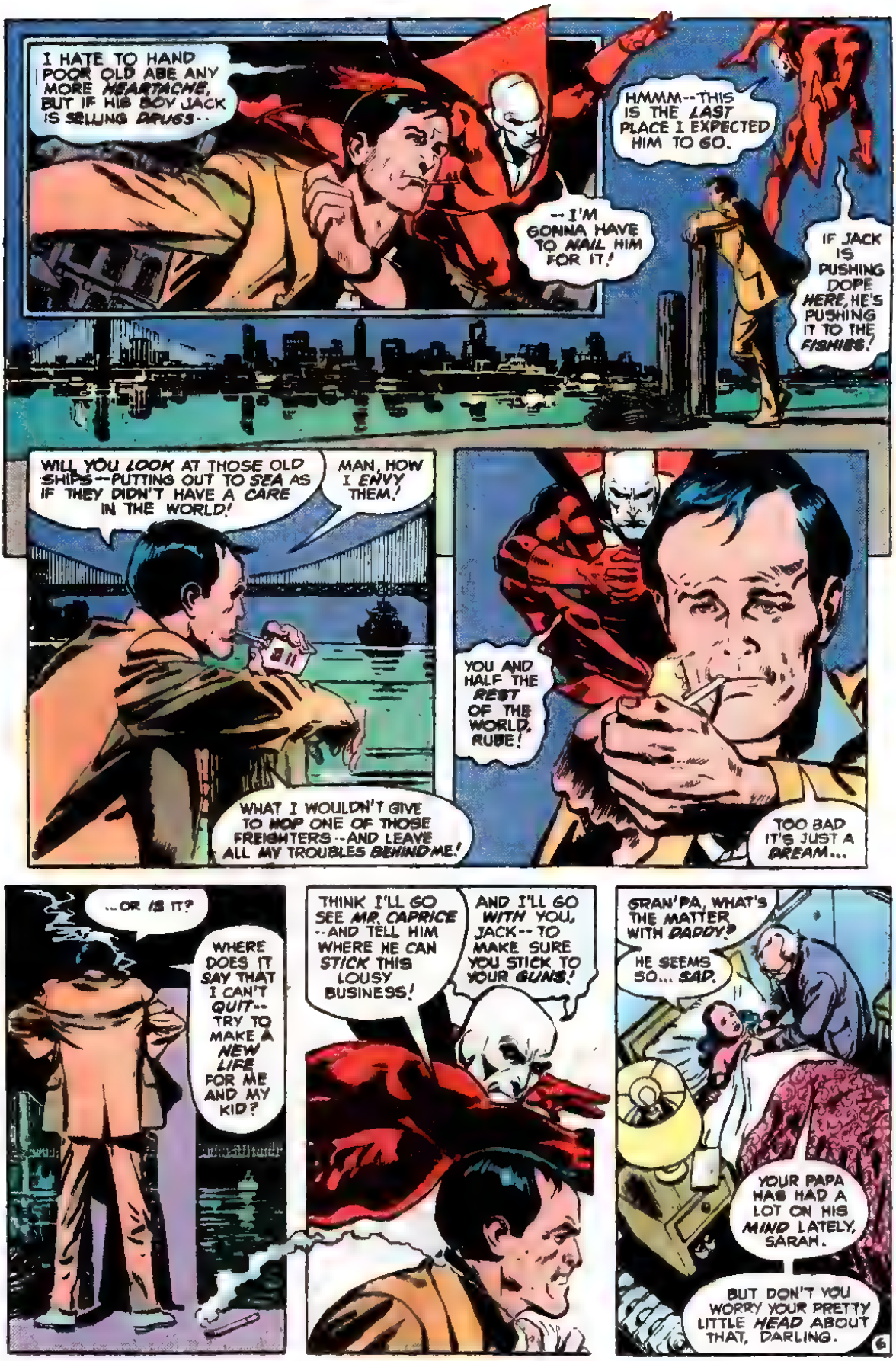
I HATE TO HAND POOR OLD ABE ANY MORE HEARTACHE, BUT IF HIS BOY JACK IS SELLING DOPE--
-- I'M GONNA HAVE TO NAIL HIM FOR IT!
HMMM--THIS IS THE LAST PLACE I EXPECTED HIM TO GO.
IF JACK IS PUSHING DOPE HERE, HE'S PUSHING IT TO THE FISHES!
WILL YOU LOOK AT THOSE OLD SHIPS--PUTTING OUT TO SEA AS IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE A CARE IN THE WORLD!
MAN, HOW I ENVY THEM!
WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE TO HOP ONE OF THOSE FREIGHTERS--AND LEAVE ALL MY TROUBLES BEHIND ME!
YOU AND HALF THE REST OF THE WORLD, RUBE!
TOO BAD IT'S JUST A DREAM...
...OR IS IT?
WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT I CAN'T QUIT--TRY TO MAKE A NEW LIFE FOR ME AND MY KID?
THINK I'LL GO SEE MR. CAPRICE --AND TELL HIM WHERE HE CAN STICK THIS LOUSY BUSINESS!
AND I'LL GO WITH YOU, JACK-- TO MAKE SURE YOU STICK TO YOUR GUNS!
GRAN'PA, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH DADDY?
HE SEEMS SO... SAD.
YOUR PAPA HAS HAD A LOT ON HIS MIND LATELY, SARAH.
BUT DON'T YOU WORRY YOUR PRETTY LITTLE HEAD ABOUT THAT, DARLING.
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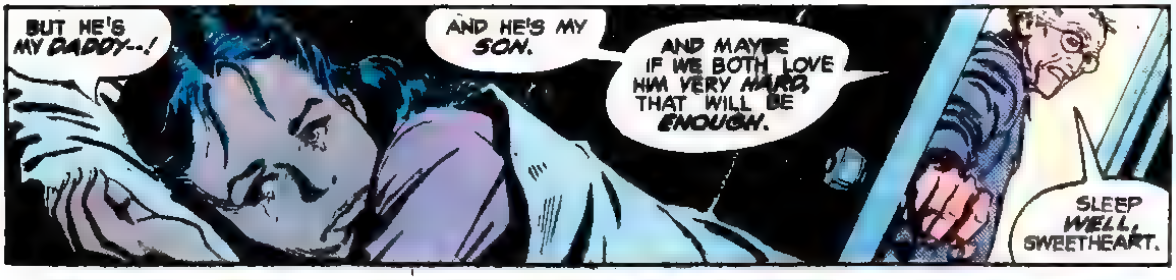
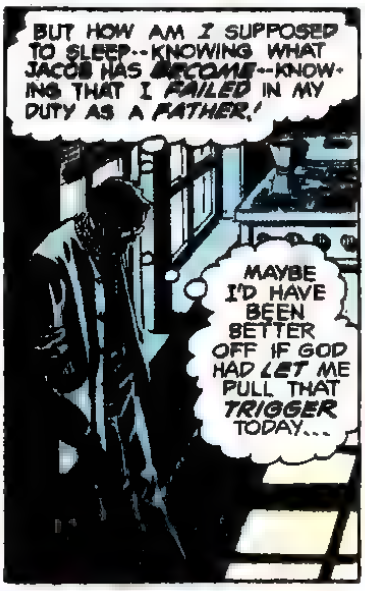
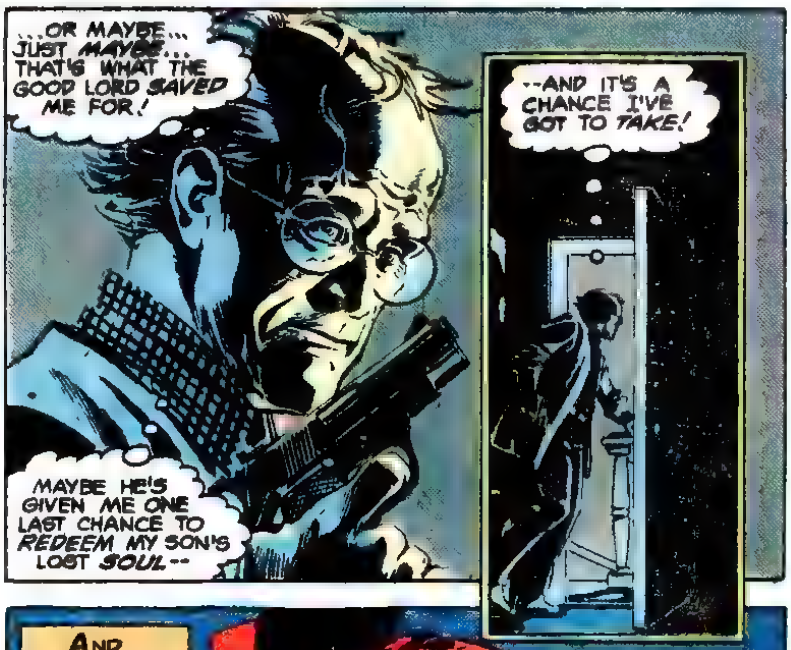
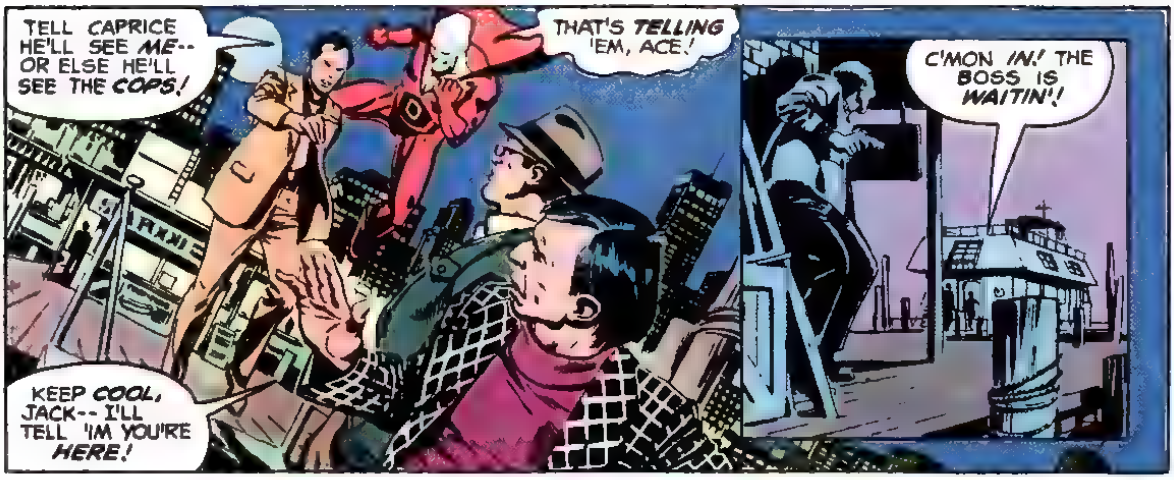

BUT HE'S MY DADDY--!
AND HE'S MY SON.
AND MAYBE IF WE BOTH LOVE HIM VERY HARD, THAT WILL BE ENOUGH.
SLEEP WELL, SWEETHEART.


BUT HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO SLEEP--KNOWING WHAT JACOB HAS BECOME--KNOWING THAT I FAILED IN MY DUTY AS A FATHER!
MAYBE I'D HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF IF GOD HAD LET ME PULL THAT TRIGGER TODAY...


...OR MAYBE... JUST MAYBE... THAT'S WHAT THE GOOD LORD SAVED ME FOR!
MAYBE HE'S GIVEN ME ONE LAST CHANCE TO REDEEM MY SON'S LOST SOUL--
--AND IT'S A CHANCE I'VE GOT TO TAKE!

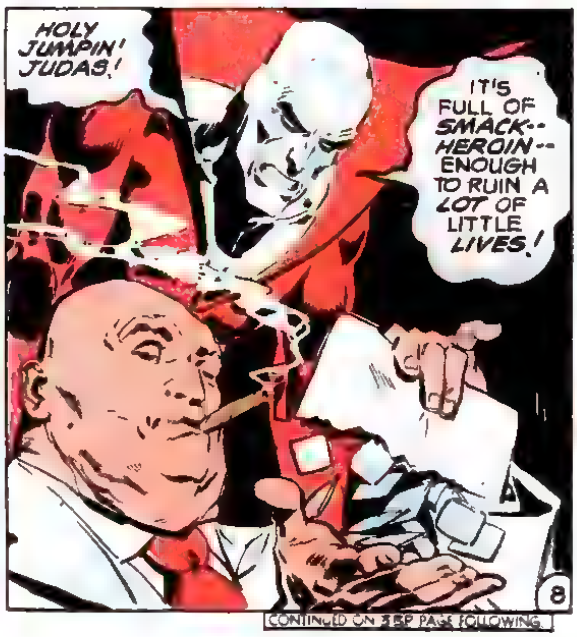
UNNOTICED BY THE DETERMINED OLD MAN, HIS GRAND-DAUGHTER SILENTLY WATCHES HIM LEAVE--
--AND WONDERS WHEN SHE WILL BE OLD ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND THE WAYS OF ADULTS...

AND SHORTLY, ALONG A PRIVATE PIER ON THE CITY'S WATERFRONT...
THIS MUST BE THE PLACE--
--AND A HECK OF A PLACE AT THAT!
I WANT TO SEE MR. CAPPACE!
SORRY, JACKY-BOY-- HE AIN'T SEEIN' NOBODY RIGHT NOW.


TELL CAPRICE HE'LL SEE ME-- OR ELSE HE'LL SEE THE COPS!
THAT'S TELLING 'EM, ACE!
KEEP COOL, JACK-- I'LL TELL 'IM YOU'RE HERE!
C'MON IN! THE BOSS IS WAITIN'!

JACOB, DEAR BOY--HOW GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
WAS THERE SOMETHING IN PARTICULAR YOU WANTED?
NOT REALLY, MR. C!
I JUST CAME BY TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE PRESENT!

IF THAT HAND COMES OUT HOLDIN' ANYTHIN' BUT FINGERS, BUDDY-BOY-- YOU'RE DEAD!
HEY, TAKE IT EASY, LESTER-- I'M NOT ARMED!
THEN LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT THERE!



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AND WHAT PRECISELY IS THIS SUPPOSED TO MEAN, DEAR BOY?
TAKE A GUESS, RUBE.
IT MEANS I QUIT! I'M NOT SELLING ANY MORE GARBAGE TO ANY MORE KIDS!
COME NOW, JACK--BE REALISTIC. YOU KNOW FAR TOO MUCH TO BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE MY ORGANIZATION.
FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR HEALTH, I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR RESIGNATION.
M-MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. MAYBE IT'S TOO LATE FOR ME TO--
NO! YOU MUSTN'T LISTEN TO HIM, JACOB!
WHO--?!?
HOLY--! IT'S OLD MAN GOLD!
YOU'VE RUINED THE LIFE OF MY SON AND COUNTLESS OTHERS, MISTER--
--BUT THE GOOD LORD SPARED MY LIFE SO I COULD TAKE YOURS!
OLD MAN--NO!!

GOTTA MOVE FAST!
YOU MISSED, OLD MAN--!
CAN'T LET GOLD BECOME A KILLER BECAUSE OF MY--
NO!
BLAM!
BUT I'VE HAD A LOT MORE PRACTICE AT THIS!
GOLD STIFFENED AS I POSSESSED HIM--!
BLAM!
NO TIME TO MOVE BEFORE--
UUNNHH!!
SWEET MOTHER OF MERCY!
WHAT HAVE I DONE?
IF I HADN'T ENTERED GOLD, HE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A STANDING TARGET!
MURDERER!!
HE WAS JUST AN OLD MAN-- A HARMLESS OLD MAN!!
I'LL KILL YOU, MYSELF!
THIS IS MY FAULT-- ALL MY FAULT!!
JACK-- NO!
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HOLD HIM, BOYS! KEEP THAT MANIAC AWAY FROM ME!
I'M GONNA GET YOU, FAT MAN--!
YOU WON'T GET ANYTHING DONE ALONE, JACK!
WE'RE GONNA FINISH THIS— TOGETHER!
I SWEAR I'LL--
UH.
THESE CREEPS ARE TOUGH, CAPRICE--
HARKER!!
--BUT THERE'S NOTHING ON EARTH THAT'S GOING TO SAVE YOU FROM ME!
STAY BACK, DAMN YOU--
--OR I'LL BLOW YOU AWAY!
THEN YOU'D BETTER KILL ME WITH THE FIRST SHOT, FAT MAN--
--BECAUSE YOU WON'T GET A SECOND ONE!
IT'S OVER, CAPRICE! THOSE GUNSHOTS WILL BRING THE COPS HERE--
THERE'S NO WAY OUT FOR YOU, FAT MAN!
--WHERE THEY'LL FIND THE OLD MAN'S BODY, WITH YOUR PRINTS ALL OVER THE GUN THAT KILLED HIM!
BUT YOU'RE WRONG, DEAR BOY! THERE IS ALWAYS A WAY OUT--
--IF A MAN HAS THE COURAGE TO TAKE IT!

BLAM!
GOD.
I HOPE THAT HELPS YOU REST EASIER, ABE --BUT SOMEHOW I DOUBT IT!
J-JACOB--?
POP?
POP, YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!!
WHY, POP-- WHY DID YOU SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR ME?
BECAUSE MY LIFE WAS ALREADY OVER...
...BUT THERE WAS STILL A CHANCE... TO SAVE YOURS...
...BECAUSE YOU ARE... MY SON, JACOB...
I SWEAR YOU WON'T REGRET IT, POP.
...AND THAT'S ALL... THAT REALLY... MATTERS...
I'LL SERVE MY TIME--AND THEN I'LL MAKE A NEW LIFE FOR SARAH AND ME.
DO YOU HEAR ME, POP?
POP...?
HE'S... GONE.
ARRGGH!
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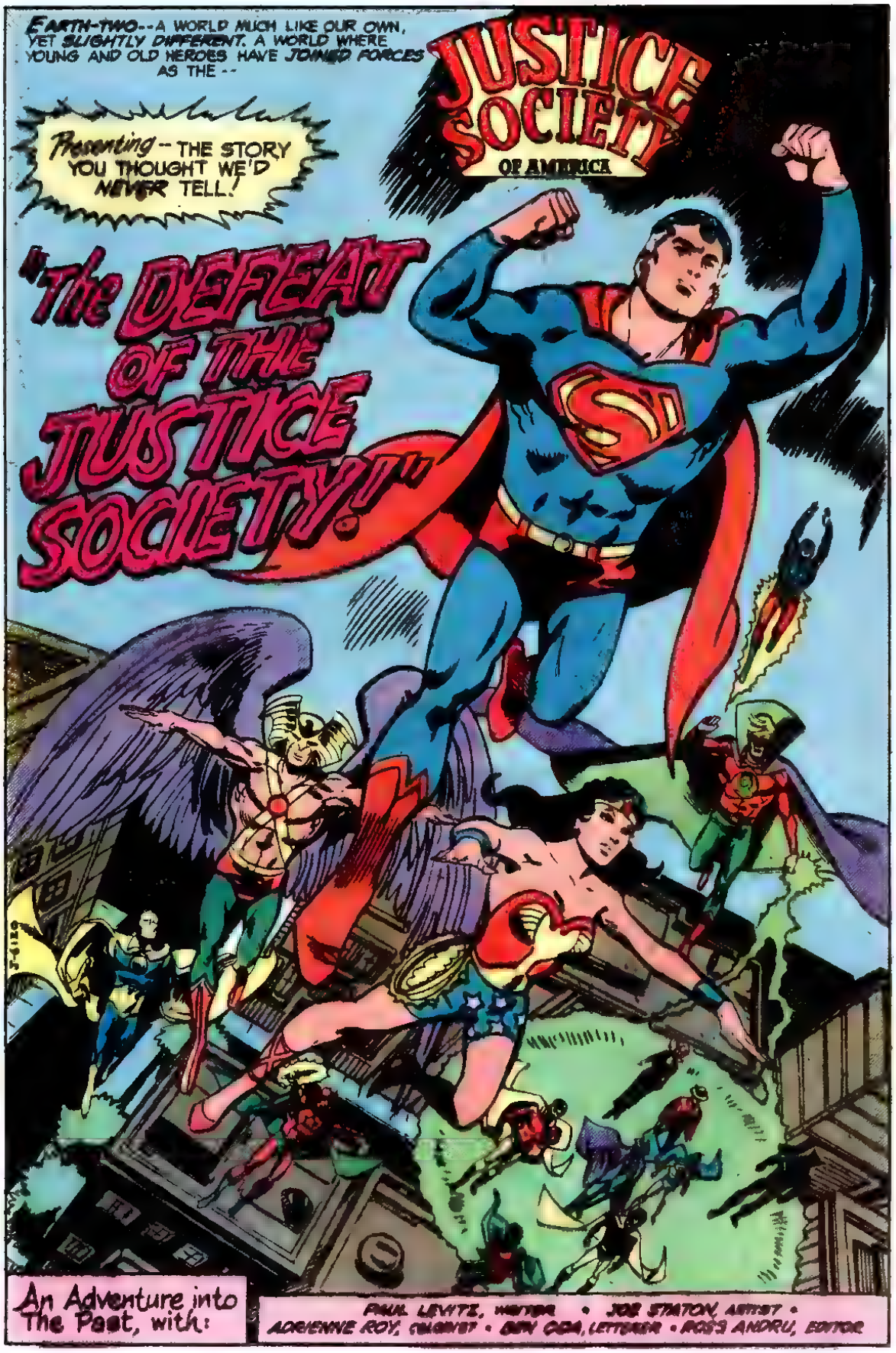
AND SO IT GOES...


EARTH-TWO--A WORLD MUCH LIKE OUR OWN, YET SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT. A WORLD WHERE YOUNG AND OLD HEROES HAVE JOINED FORCES AS THE --
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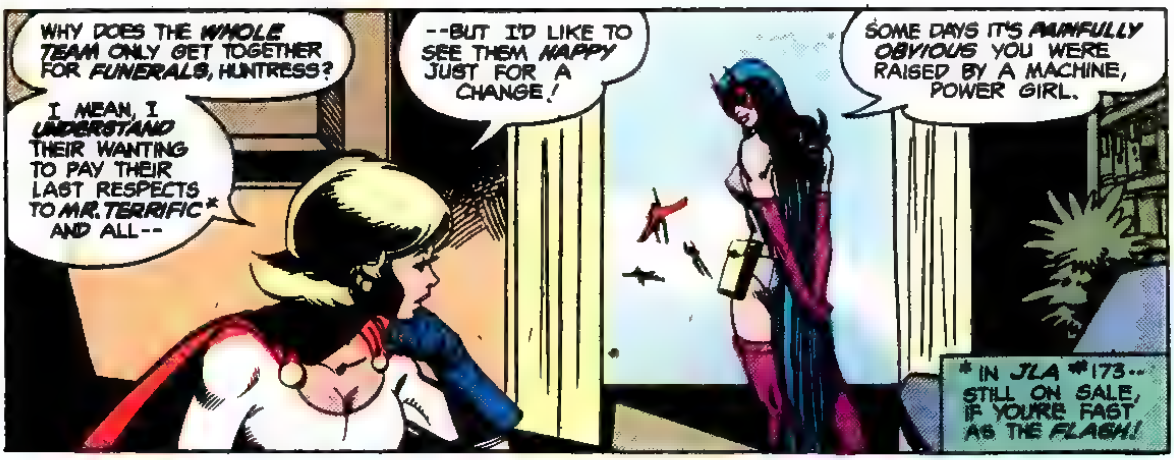
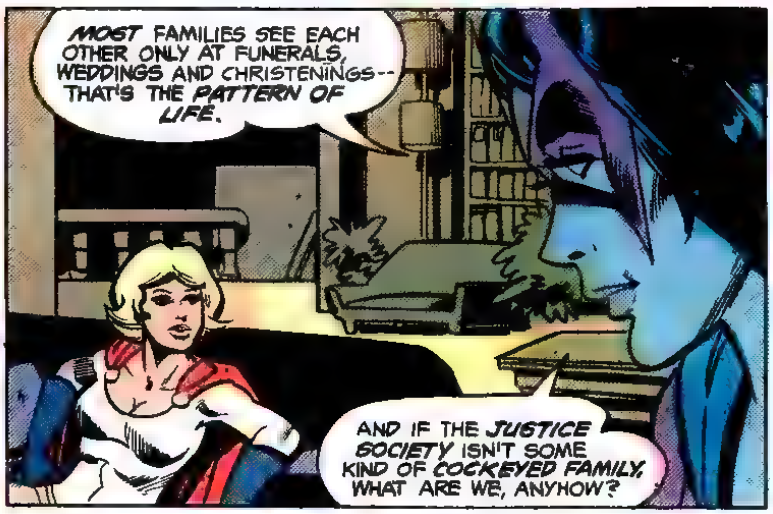
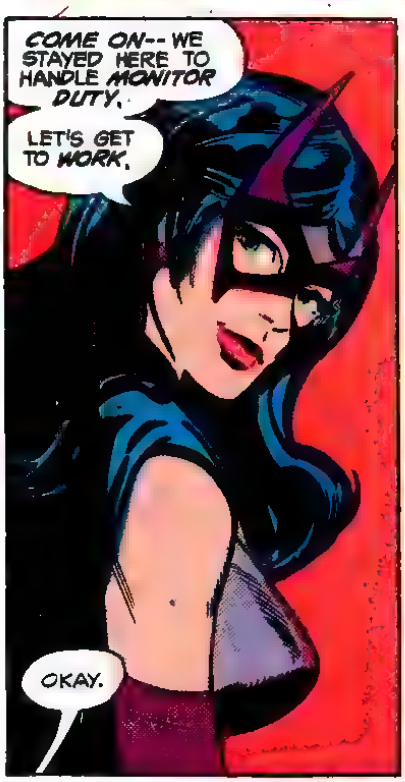
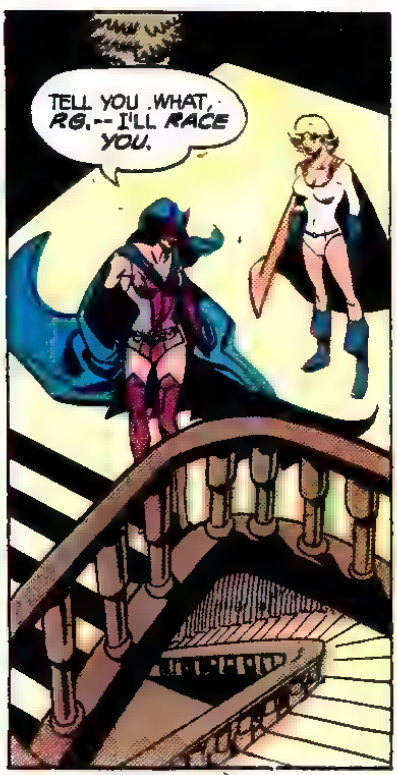

WHY DOES THE WHOLE TEAM ONLY GET TOGETHER FOR FUNERALS, HUNTRESS?
I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND THEIR WANTING TO PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS TO MR. TERRIFIC* AND ALL--
--BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM HAPPY JUST FOR A CHANGE!
SOME DAYS IT'S PAINFULLY OBVIOUS YOU WERE RAISED BY A MACHINE, POWER GIRL.
* IN JLA #173-- STILL ON SALE, IF YOU'RE FAST AS THE FLASH!

HUNH?
WHAT DID I SAY?


MOST FAMILIES SEE EACH OTHER ONLY AT FUNERALS, WEDDINGS AND CHRISTENINGS-- THAT'S THE PATTERN OF LIFE.
AND IF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY ISN'T SOME KIND OF COCKEYED FAMILY, WHAT ARE WE, ANYHOW?


COME ON-- WE STAYED HERE TO HANDLE MONITOR DUTY.
LET'S GET TO WORK.
OKAY.


TELL YOU WHAT, RG.-- I'LL RACE YOU.

ARE YOU KIDDING?
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IF YOU'RE SERIOUS, I'LL MAKE IT ALMOST FAIR--
I'LL ONLY USE HALF MY SUPER-SPEED.
WHOOSH
FAIR ENOUGH--
--BUT I DIDN'T PROMISE TO USE THE STAIRS, DID I?
WHAT--??
SO THAT'S WHY YOU WANTED TO RACE!
YOU HAD THAT JUMP TRICK ALL WORKED OUT!.
THUMP
SURE, I WANTED, TO SEE HOW IT MEASURED AGAINST THE BEST POSSIBLE TIME.
AND YOU MADE A PERFECT STOPWATCH!
HAH HAH HAH... GUESS I DID, AT THAT.
SPEAKING OF TIME, SOMEBODY MENTIONED TODAY THAT THE JSA WAS INACTIVE IN THE FIFTIES.
I NEVER HEARD ABOUT THAT BEFORE.
WHAT'S THE SCOOP?
IT WAS FOR TWELVE YEARS, ACTUALLY--THE WHOLE TIME I WAS GROWING UP.
DAD TOLD ME THE STORY--SAID IT WOULD TEACH ME...
WELL, MAYBE I'D BETTER BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING...
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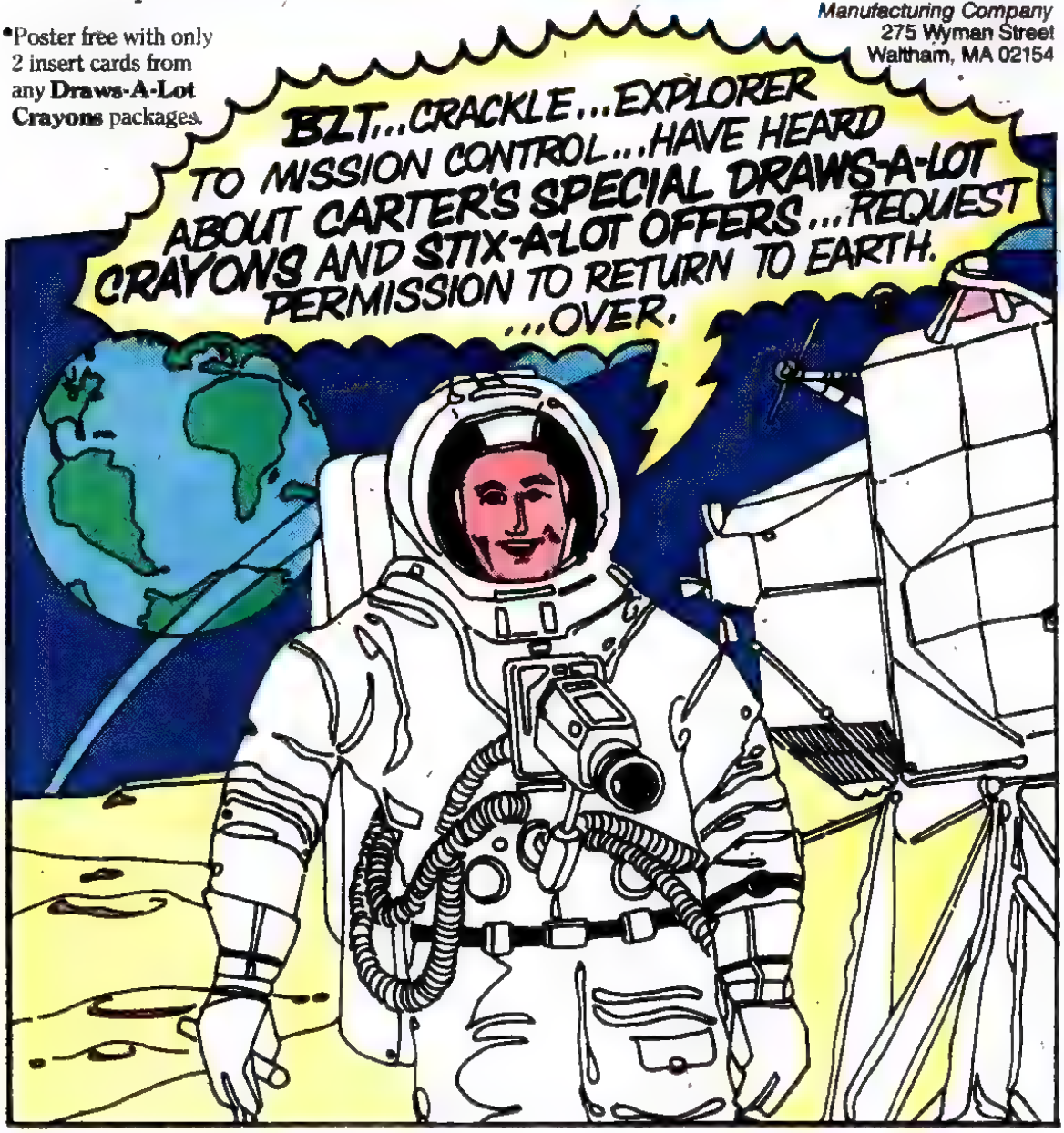
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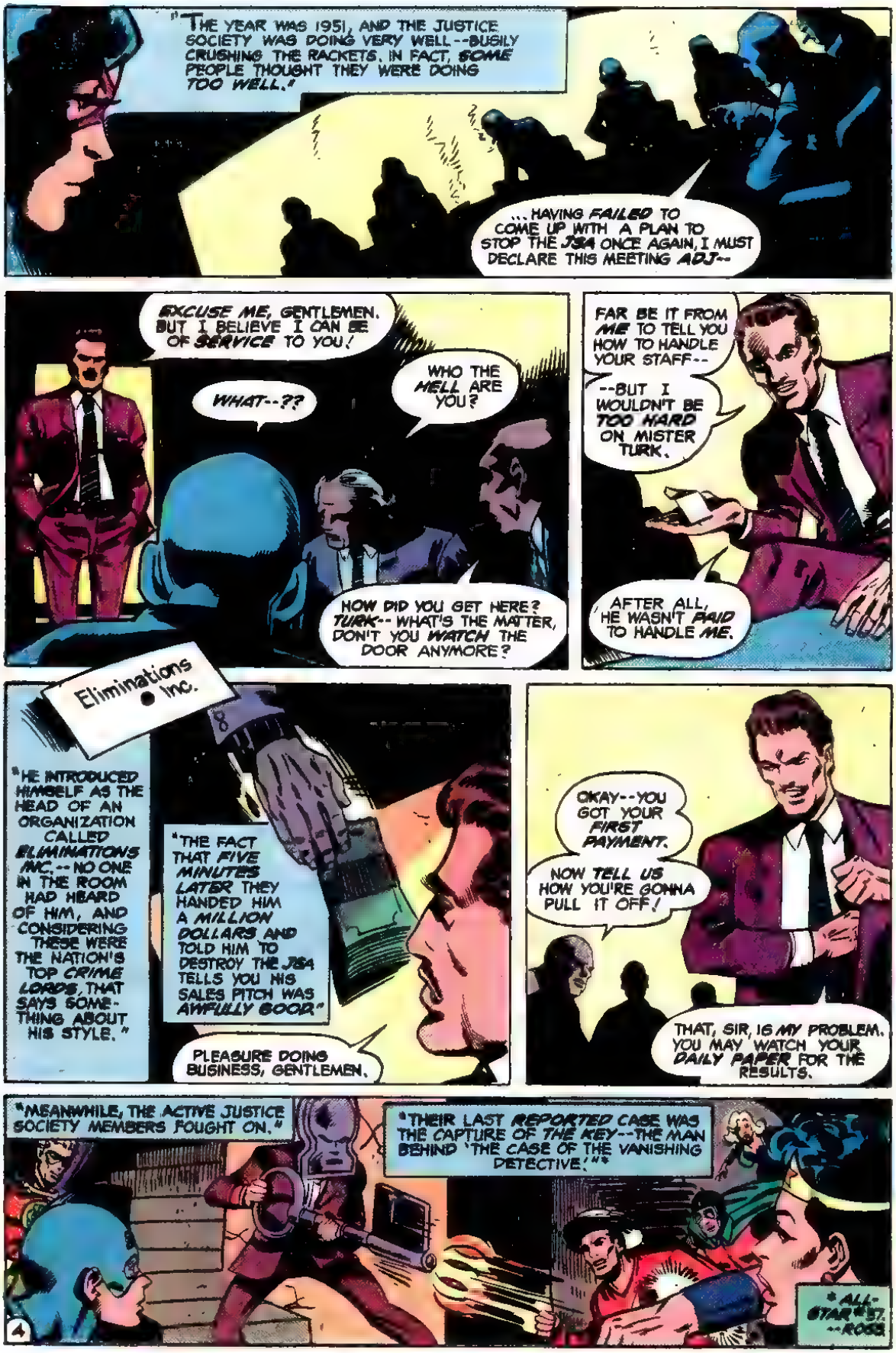
"THE YEAR WAS 1951, AND THE JUSTICE SOCIETY WAS DOING VERY WELL--BUSILY CRUSHING THE RACKETS. IN FACT, SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT THEY WERE DOING TOO WELL."
...HAVING FAILED TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO STOP THE JSA ONCE AGAIN, I MUST DECLARE THIS MEETING ADJ--
EXCUSE ME, GENTLEMEN. BUT I BELIEVE I CAN BE OF SERVICE TO YOU!
WHAT--??
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
HOW DID YOU GET HERE? TURK-- WHAT'S THE MATTER, DON'T YOU WATCH THE DOOR ANYMORE?
FAR BE IT FROM ME TO TELL YOU HOW TO HANDLE YOUR STAFF--
--BUT I WOULDN'T BE TOO HARD ON MISTER TURK.
AFTER ALL, HE WASN'T PAID TO HANDLE ME.
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"THE FACT THAT FIVE MINUTES LATER THEY HANDED HIM A MILLION DOLLARS AND TOLD HIM TO DESTROY THE JSA TELLS YOU HIS SALES PITCH WAS AWFULLY GOOD."
PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS, GENTLEMEN.
OKAY--YOU GOT YOUR FIRST PAYMENT.
NOW TELL US HOW YOU'RE GONNA PULL IT OFF!
THAT, SIR, IS MY PROBLEM. YOU MAY WATCH YOUR DAILY PAPER FOR THE RESULTS.
"MEANWHILE, THE ACTIVE JUSTICE SOCIETY MEMBERS FOUGHT ON."
"THEIR LAST REPORTED CASE WAS THE CAPTURE OF THE KEY--THE MAN BEHIND 'THE CASE OF THE VANISHING DETECTIVE!'"*
* ALL-STAR #37. --ROSS
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"THERE WERE SEVEN MEMBERS AT THE TIME:"
"WONDER WOMAN--AGELESS AND AWESOME, THE AMAZON PRINCESS."
"THE ATOM--FIVE FOOT TALL AL PRATT WITH HIS POWERFUL PUNCH."
"DOCTOR MID-NITE--THE CRUSADER WHO MASTERED HIS BLINDNESS WITH UNIQUE INFRA-RED GOGGLES."
"BLACK CANARY--WHO WORKED WITH US IN THE DAYS BEFORE SHE SWITCHED TO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE."
"NOT TO MENTION FLASH, GREEN LANTERN AND HAWKMAN--WHO WERE WITH THE TEAM THEN AND NOW."
"THEIR LAST CASE STARTED JUST OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY..."
"FOR, SUDDENLY..."
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?
SOME SORT OF WEIRD FLYING GLOBE!?
CORRECT, FLASH--A SATELLITE, TO BE PRECISE.
AND ONE THAT COMES BEARING GIFTS!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MISTER?
I REPRESENT A GROUP OF PRIVATE CITIZENS, HAWKMAN, WHO WISH TO REWARD YOU FOR YOUR CEASELESS EFFORTS.
THERE ARE MORE... CONVENTIONAL... WAYS TO GET OUR ATTENTION, THOUGH.

TRUE, BUT THIS IS REMARKABLY EFFECTIVE, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
BESIDES, WE WANT TO GIVE YOU A MOST UNUSUAL GIFT-- AND THIS IS A FITTING INTRODUCTION.
FOLLOW ME!
IT'S TAKING OFF-- STRAIGHT UP!
AND IT'S GOING SO FAST, EVEN I'M HAVING TROUBLE TRACKING IT!
DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD FOLLOW?
I'M SURE OF IT!
I DON'T KNOW WHO'S BEHIND THIS--
--BUT IT LOOKS WILD!
I WONDER IF YOU'RE RIGHT, GREEN LANTERN. STILL, WHAT HARM COULD IT DO?
THAT'S THE TRICK, W.W.!
AFTER ALL, WHO WOULD BE STUPID ENOUGH TO TRY AND TAKE US ALL ON IN A FIGHT?
"MOMENTS LATER, HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH..."
HERE YOU ARE, HEROES-- YOUR NEW HOME!
A PERMANENT, ORBITING HEADQUARTERS IN THE SKY!
GOOD LORD-- IS THAT POSSIBLE?
NOT OUTSIDE OF SCIENCE FICTION STORIES, ATOM--OR ALIEN TECHNOLOGY!
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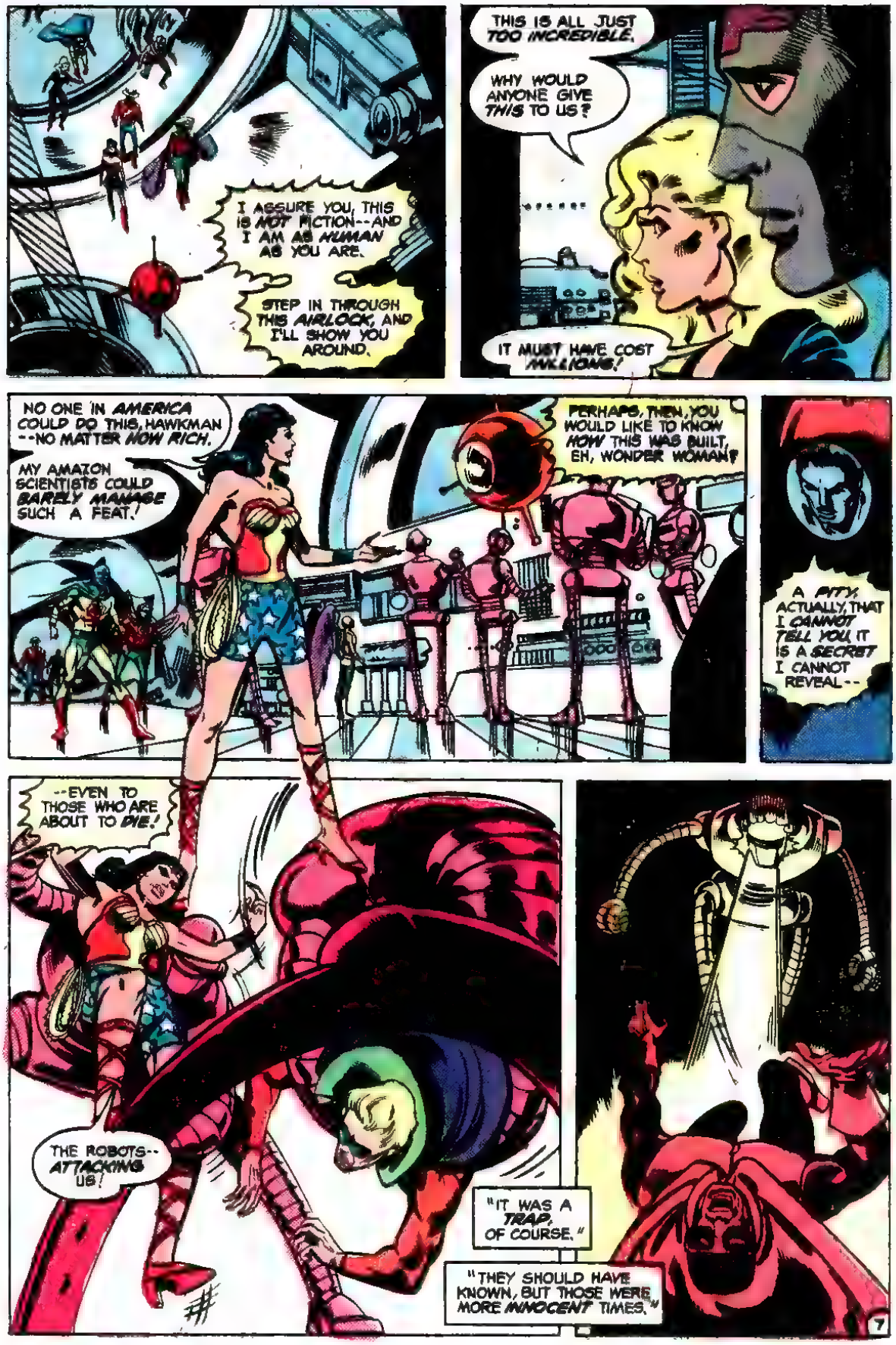
I ASSURE YOU, THIS IS NOT FICTION--AND I AM AS HUMAN AS YOU ARE.
STEP IN THROUGH THIS AIRLOCK, AND I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND.
THIS IS ALL JUST TOO INCREDIBLE.
WHY WOULD ANYONE GIVE THIS TO US?
IT MUST HAVE COST MILLIONS!
NO ONE IN AMERICA COULD DO THIS, HAWKMAN --NO MATTER HOW RICH.
MY AMAZON SCIENTISTS COULD BARELY MANAGE SUCH A FEAT.
PERHAPS, THEN, YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW THIS WAS BUILT, EH, WONDER WOMAN?
A PITY, ACTUALLY, THAT I CANNOT TELL YOU, IT IS A SECRET I CANNOT REVEAL--
--EVEN TO THOSE WHO ARE ABOUT TO DIE!
THE ROBOTS-- ATTACKING US!
"IT WAS A TRAP, OF COURSE."
"THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN, BUT THOSE WERE MORE INNOCENT TIMES."
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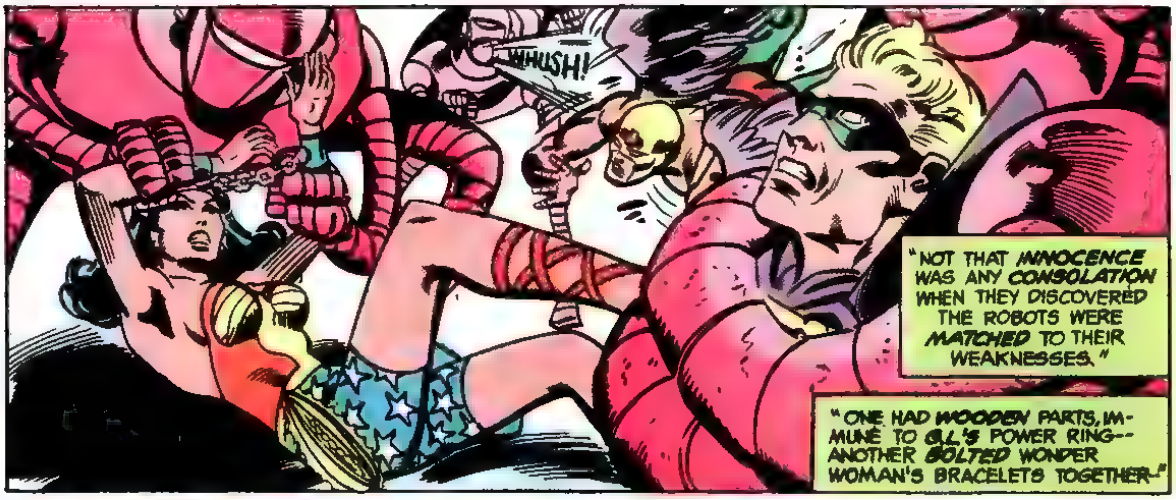
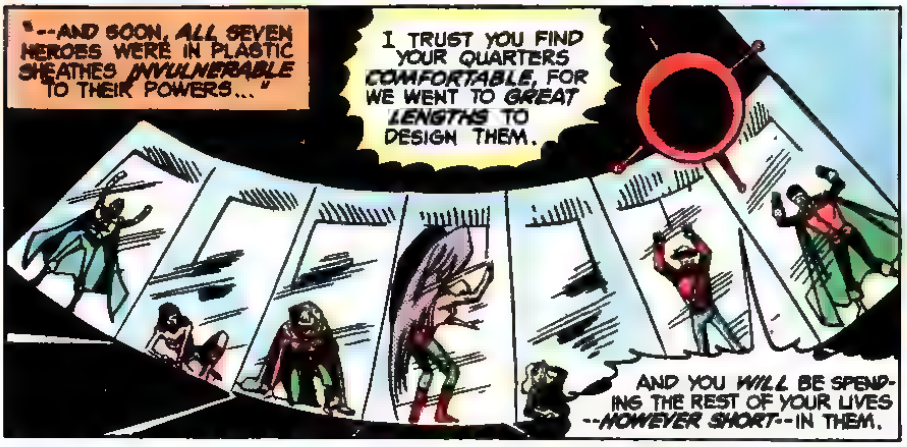
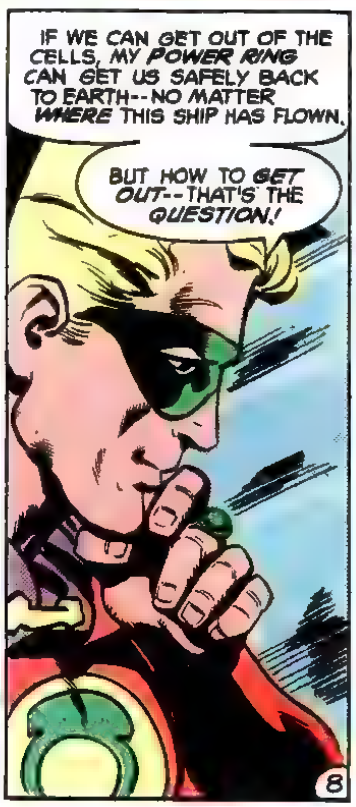

WHUSH!
"NOT THAT INNOCENCE WAS ANY CONSOLATION WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THE ROBOTS WERE MATCHED TO THEIR WEAKNESSES."
"ONE HAD WOODEN PARTS, IMMUNE TO GL'S POWER RING--ANOTHER BOLTED WONDER WOMAN'S BRACELETS TOGETHER."

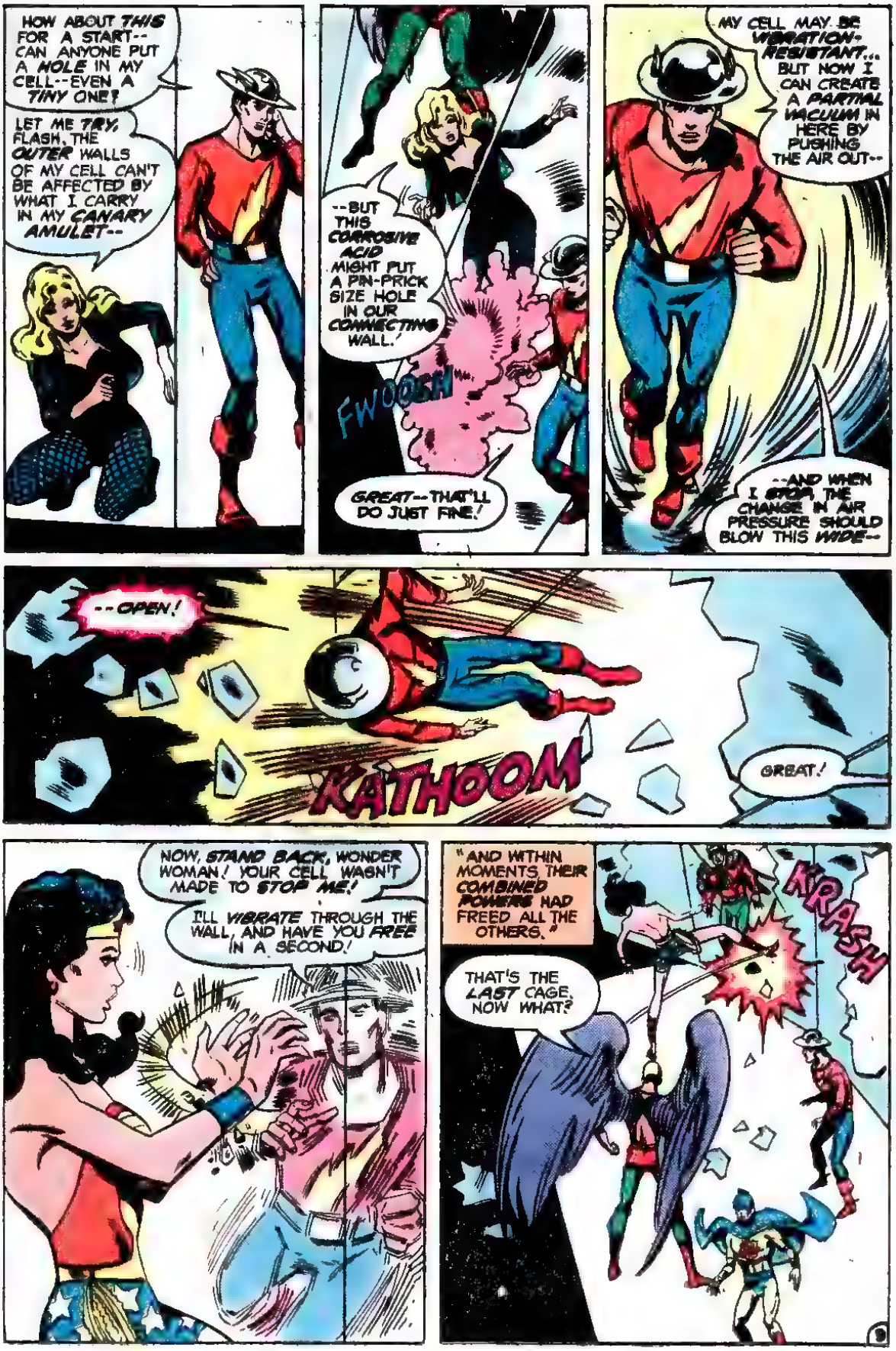

"--AND SOON, ALL SEVEN HEROES WERE IN PLASTIC SHEATHES INVULNERABLE TO THEIR POWERS..."
I TRUST YOU FIND YOUR QUARTERS COMFORTABLE, FOR WE WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO DESIGN THEM.
AND YOU WILL BE SPENDING THE REST OF YOUR LIVES --HOWEVER SHORT-- IN THEM.

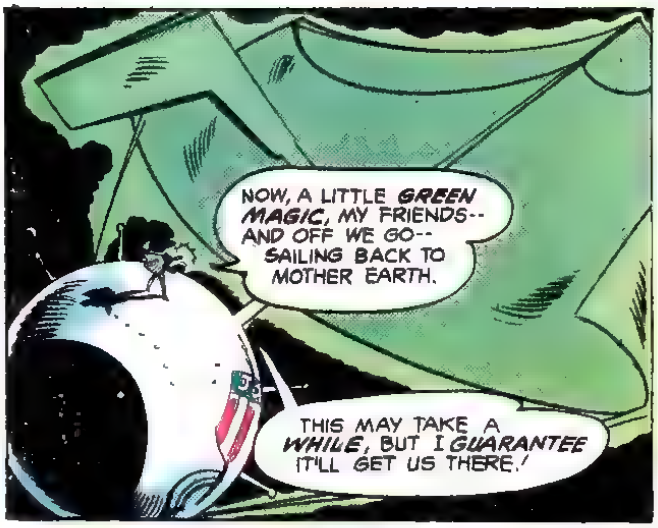
AS YOU GO HURTLING TO THE ENDS OF SPACE!
"AFTER THAT, THE SMALL SATELLITE LEFT --LEAVING THE JUSTICE SOCIETY TO PONDER THEIR DILEMMA..."

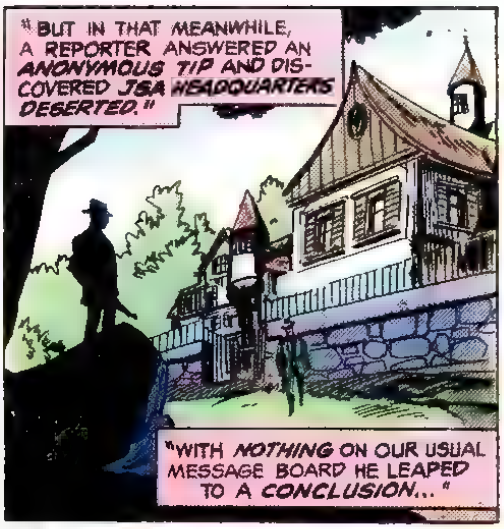
HMM... I DOUBT THAT WE'LL FIND A WEAKNESS IN THESE CELLS.
EVERY MOVE OUR MYSTERIOUS OPPONENT HAS MADE HAS BEEN TOO WELL PLANNED!

MAYBE--BUT I'LL BET HE MADE ONE MISTAKE.
HE FORGOT WE'RE A TEAM--AND WITH A BIT OF TEAMWORK, WE CAN DO ANYTHING.
EVEN GET OUT OF HERE.


IF WE CAN GET OUT OF THE CELLS, MY POWER RING CAN GET US SAFELY BACK TO EARTH--NO MATTER WHERE THIS SHIP HAS FLOWN.
BUT HOW TO GET OUT--THAT'S THE QUESTION!

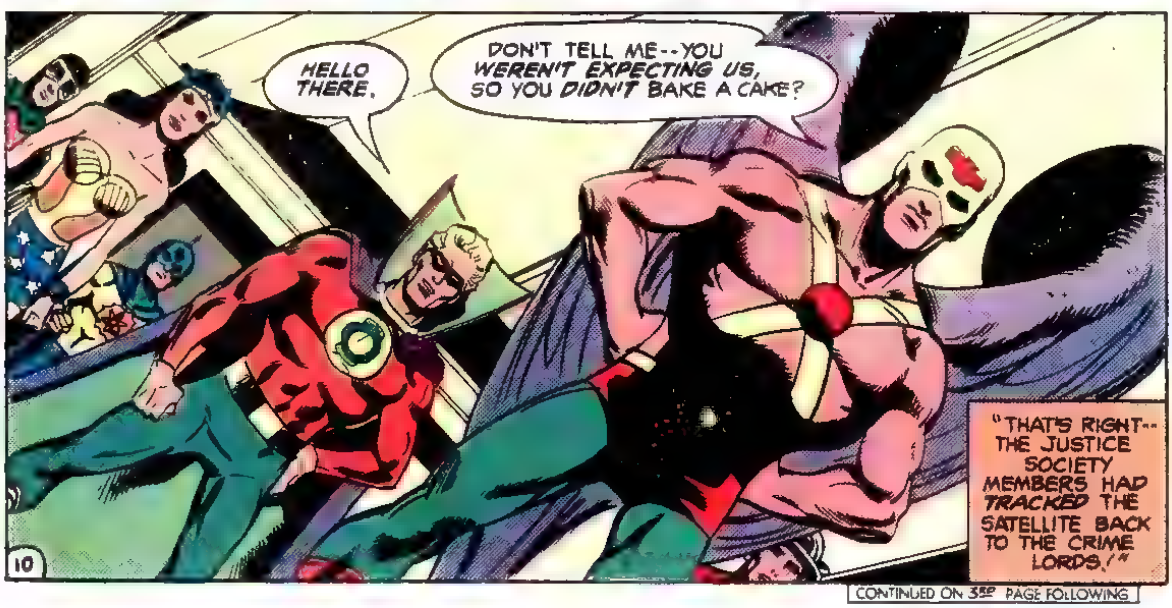

HOW ABOUT THIS FOR A START-- CAN ANYONE PUT A HOLE IN MY CELL--EVEN A TINY ONE?
LET ME TRY, FLASH. THE OUTER WALLS OF MY CELL CAN'T BE AFFECTED BY WHAT I CARRY IN MY CANARY AMULET--
--BUT THIS CORROSIVE ACID MIGHT PUT A PIN-PRICK SIZE HOLE IN OUR CONNECTING WALL.
FWOOSH
GREAT--THAT'LL DO JUST FINE.
MY CELL MAY BE VIBRATION-RESISTANT... BUT NOW I CAN CREATE A PARTIAL VACUUM IN HERE BY PUSHING THE AIR OUT--
--AND WHEN I STOP, THE CHANGE IN AIR PRESSURE SHOULD BLOW THIS WIDE--
--OPEN!
KATHOOM
GREAT!
NOW, STAND BACK, WONDER WOMAN! YOUR CELL WASN'T MADE TO STOP ME!
I'LL VIBRATE THROUGH THE WALL, AND HAVE YOU FREE IN A SECOND!
"AND WITHIN MOMENTS, THEIR COMBINED POWERS HAD FREED ALL THE OTHERS."
KRASH
THAT'S THE LAST CAGE. NOW WHAT?


NOW, A LITTLE GREEN MAGIC, MY FRIENDS-- AND OFF WE GO-- SAILING BACK TO MOTHER EARTH.
THIS MAY TAKE A WHILE, BUT I GUARANTEE IT'LL GET US THERE.'


"BUT IN THAT MEANWHILE, A REPORTER ANSWERED AN ANONYMOUS TIP AND DISCOVERED JSA HEADQUARTERS DESERTED."
"WITH NOTHING ON OUR USUAL MESSAGE BOARD HE LEAPED TO A CONCLUSION..."

"AND AS IS THE CASE WITH REPORTERS, A HEADLINED SOON FOLLOWED..."
HERE YOU ARE, GENTLEMEN--
--THE JUSTICE SOCIETY IS GONE FOREVER.
JSA DISAPPEARS FEARED DEAD!

AS AGREED, FROM NOW ON I SHALL RECEIVE TEN PERCENT OF ALL YOUR EFFORTS.
AND LEST YOU... FORGET ... OUR ARRANGEMENT, REMEMBER THAT I CAN ALSO BRING THE JUSTICE SOCIETY BACK--


HELLO THERE.
DON'T TELL ME--YOU WEREN'T EXPECTING US, SO YOU DIDN'T BAKE A CAKE?
"THAT'S RIGHT-- THE JUSTICE SOCIETY MEMBERS HAD TRACKED THE SATELLITE BACK TO THE CRIME LORDS.'"

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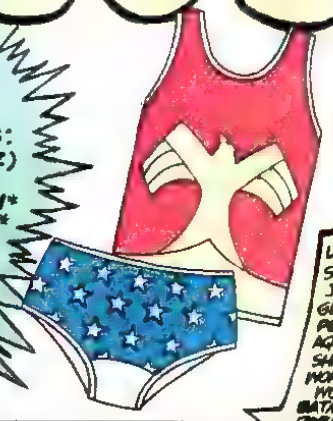

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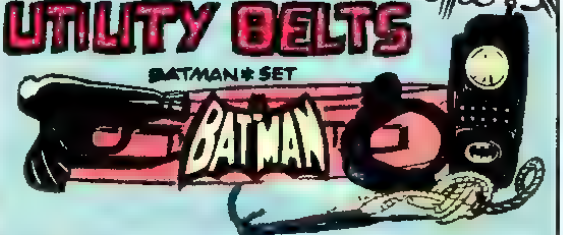

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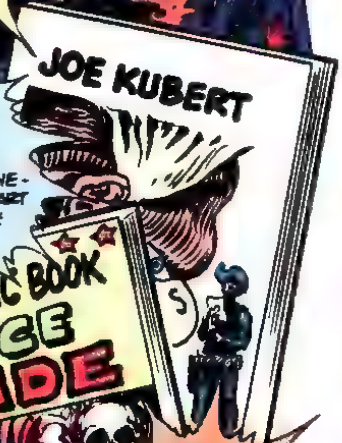

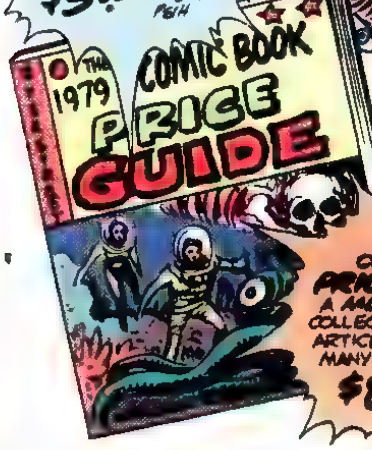

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I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU ESCAPED-- BUT I PUT YOU AWAY ONCE...
I CAN DO IT AGAIN!
THE FIRST TIME, YOU HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF SURPRISE--
KZZPPP
--NOW, YOU'RE NOTHING!
AND THESE CLOWNS ARE LESS!
HECK, I COULD KEEP THIS UP ALL DAY!
POW
AS COULD I, ATOM--
--BUT IS THERE REALLY ANY REASON TO?
YOU'RE RIGHT, DOC-- THERE ISN'T.
NOT WHEN I CAN HAVE IT ALL WRAPPED UP--
--IN A FLASH!
WHOOSH

"THE FLASH WAS TRUE TO HIS WORD. AND AFTER A QUICK FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON, D.C., THE TEAM WAS READY TO CONSIDER THE CASE CLOSED."
"THEY WERE WRONG."
THANK YOU, HAWKMAN. WE'LL TAKE THESE CREEPS OFF YOUR HANDS NOW.
I ASSUME YOU'LL DELIVER THE EVIDENCE TO THE CHIEF, LATER.
GLADLY, SPECIAL AGENT WILLIAMS!
HMM... WHAT'S THIS, NOW?
EXCUSE ME--BUT WOULD YOU FOLKS MIND WAITING A FEW MINUTES? I HAVE TO CHECK SOMETHING OUT.
CERTAINLY.
THAT WAS STRANGE-- HE TOOK ONE LOOK AT THE CROOK WHO SET US UP, AND HIS FACE WENT WHITE.
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON?
AH, WHO KNOWS? MAYBE WE CAUGHT THE TOP MAN ON THEIR MOST WANTED LIST, AND HE WENT TO GET US A PRIZE.
"HE HAD SOMETHING FOR THEM, ALL RIGHT--BUT IT WAS HARDLY A PRIZE."
I HATE TO DO THIS, FOLKS, BUT I HAVE TO.
SUBPOENA
THIS SUBPOENA IS FOR YOU.
YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUIRED AT A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING TOMORROW--
A FEW QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ANSWERED.
HUH?
IT WILL ALL BE EXPLAINED AT THE HEARING.
WHAT IS THIS NONSENSE?
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"SO THEY WENT, OF COURSE. WHAT ELSE COULD THEY DO?"
"THEY WERE A LITTLE CONFUSED. IN ALL THE YEARS THEY'D FOUGHT FOR THE U.S., THE PRESIDENT HAD OFTEN MET WITH THEM-- BUT NEVER CONGRESS."
"STILL, WHAT HARM COULD IT POSSIBLY DO?"
I DON'T KNOW-- I DON'T THINK THIS IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA.
RELAX, ATOM. I HAVE A LOT OF DEALINGS WITH THE GOVENMENT.
IT'S MOSTLY PRETTY ROUTINE.
YEAH, WELL... MAYBE...
"NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE BRIGHT LIGHTS AND TV CAMERAS DIDN'T MAKE THE ATOM ANY LESS NERVOUS."
"OF COURSE, AS IT TURNED OUT-- HE WAS RIGHT TO BE SCARED."
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PLEASE BE SEATED.
"THE 'SO-CALLED' SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE TIP-OFF. UNFORTUNATELY, IN THE NOISE OF THE CROWD, NO ONE HEARD."
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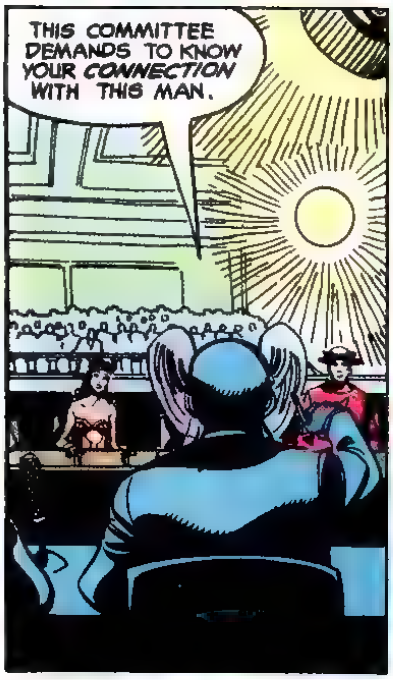
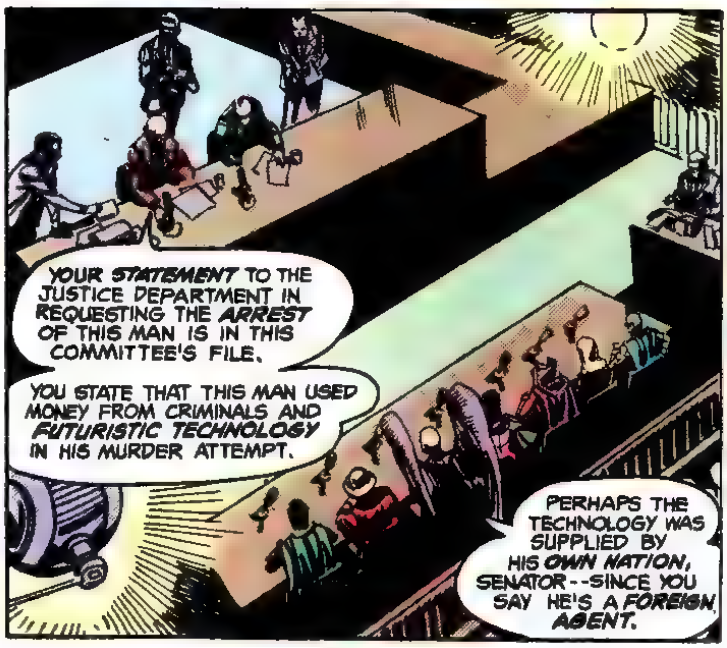
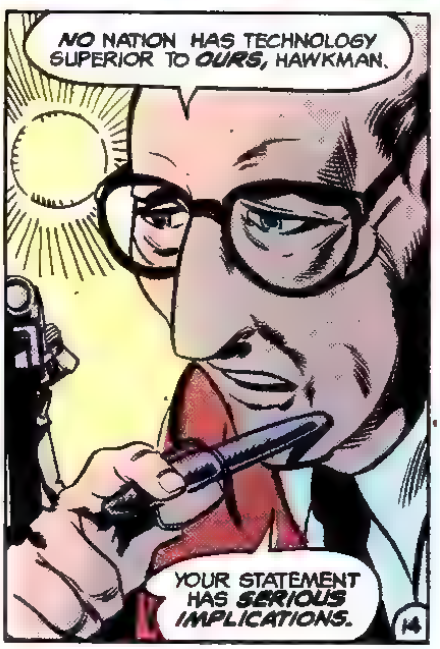
YOUR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN NOTED BY THIS COMMITTEE, BUT WE HAVE SEEN FIT TO LET THEM PASS.
UNTIL YOU WERE SEEN WITH THIS MAN, THAT IS.
THIS INDIVIDUAL IS A KNOWN AGENT OF A HOSTILE FOREIGN POWER-- A VERY HIGHLY PLACED AGENT, I MIGHT ADD.


THIS COMMITTEE DEMANDS TO KNOW YOUR CONNECTION WITH THIS MAN.

HE TRIED TO KILL US, SIR.

SO YOU SAY, BUT WHAT PROOF HAVE WE?
YOUR DOSSIERS INCLUDE MANY SUCH UNCLEAR EVENTS, AND PERHAPS THEY MUST BE EXAMINED AS WELL.


YOUR STATEMENT TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN REQUESTING THE ARREST OF THIS MAN IS IN THIS COMMITTEE'S FILE.
YOU STATE THAT THIS MAN USED MONEY FROM CRIMINALS AND FUTURISTIC TECHNOLOGY IN HIS MURDER ATTEMPT.
PERHAPS THE TECHNOLOGY WAS SUPPLIED BY HIS OWN NATION, SENATOR--SINCE YOU SAY HE'S A FOREIGN AGENT.


NO NATION HAS TECHNOLOGY SUPERIOR TO OURS, HAWKMAN.
YOUR STATEMENT HAS SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS.

WE ARE NOT ACCUSING YOU OF ANYTHING, BUT PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU WERE CLEARED FOR SECURITY.
THE PROCESS IS MUCH LIKE WONDER WOMAN WENT THROUGH WITH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.
YES, FOR AMERICA'S SAKE, THEY SHOULD BE CLEARED.
WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT YOU EXCEPT THE FEW FACTS YOU'VE GIVEN REPORTERS. THAT IS NOT ENOUGH.
THIS IS A CLOSED SESSION OF A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE--AND BY THAT AUTHORITY I ASK YOU.
IF YOU ARE GOOD AMERICANS, YOU WILL SHOW THIS COMMITTEE YOUR FACES--
--AND THEN WE MAY BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CLEARING YOU.
WE RESPECTFULLY DECLINE, SENATOR.
OUR FACES--OUR NAMES --OUR LIVES, ARE OUR OWN BUSINESS.
DON'T WORRY... YOU WON'T BE HEARING FROM US AGAIN.
POOF!
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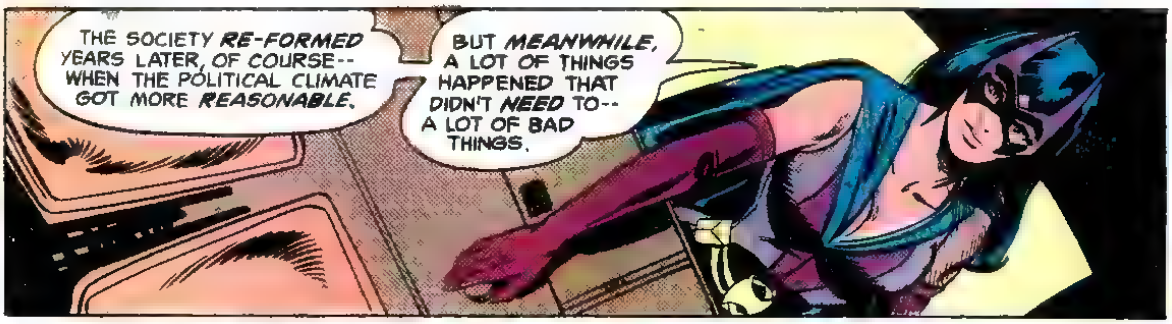
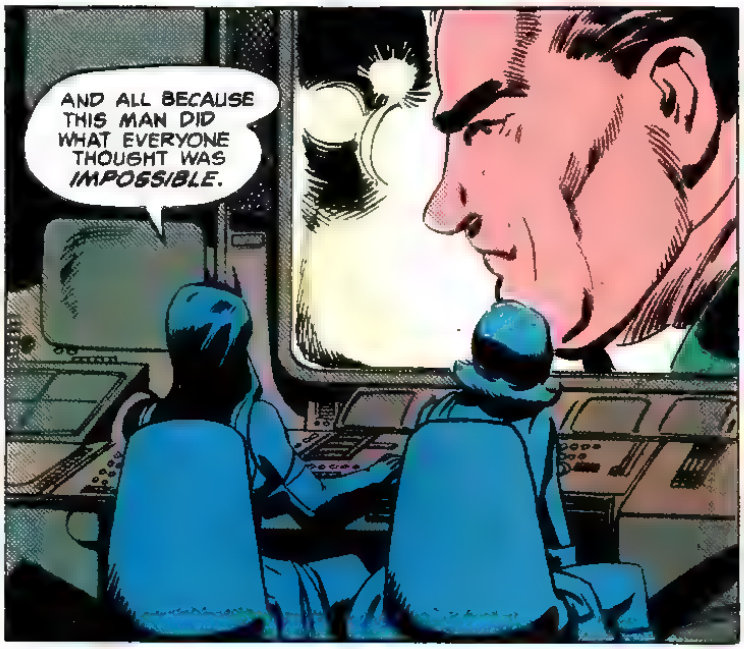
YOU'RE KIDDING! YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
THEY JUST GAVE UP AND WENT AWAY-- FOR YEARS??

IT WAS A DIFFERENT WORLD THEN, POWER GIRL-- A SICK, SAD WORLD A FEW MEN HAD TWISTED OUT OF SHAPE.
IT WAS A HARD WORLD TO REMAIN HONORABLE IN.

BUT COULDN'T THEY DO SOMETHING-- ANYTHING?
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE SORT OF STUNT THE PSYCHO PIRATE WOULD PULL!

NOPE. NOT A SUPER-VILLAIN IN SIGHT, NOT EVEN A DISHONEST MAN.
SIMPLY A MADMAN WHO GOT HIMSELF A LITTLE POWER, AND STARTED TO USE IT TO CRUSH PEOPLE.


THE SOCIETY RE-FORMED YEARS LATER, OF COURSE-- WHEN THE POLITICAL CLIMATE GOT MORE REASONABLE.
BUT MEANWHILE, A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED THAT DIDN'T NEED TO-- A LOT OF BAD THINGS.



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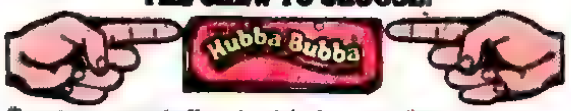
Early 19th century gumfighters.

THE CHEW TO CHOOSE.



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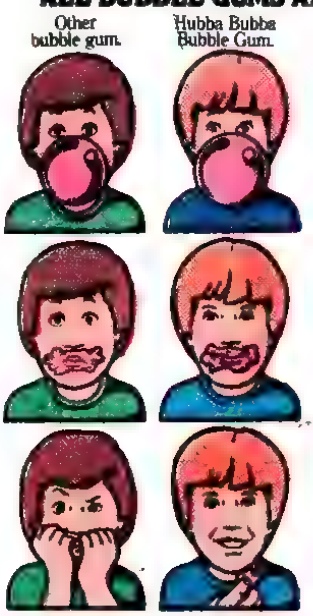

The kid on the left is blowing bubbles with another gum. The kid on the right is blowing bubbles with new Hubba Bubba. Note the size of that Hubba Bubba bubble.

As you see, a sticky situation is developing on the left. But not on the right.

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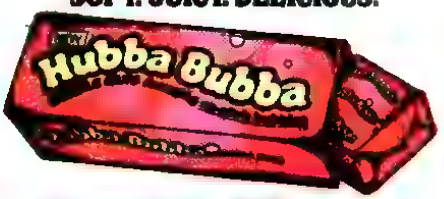

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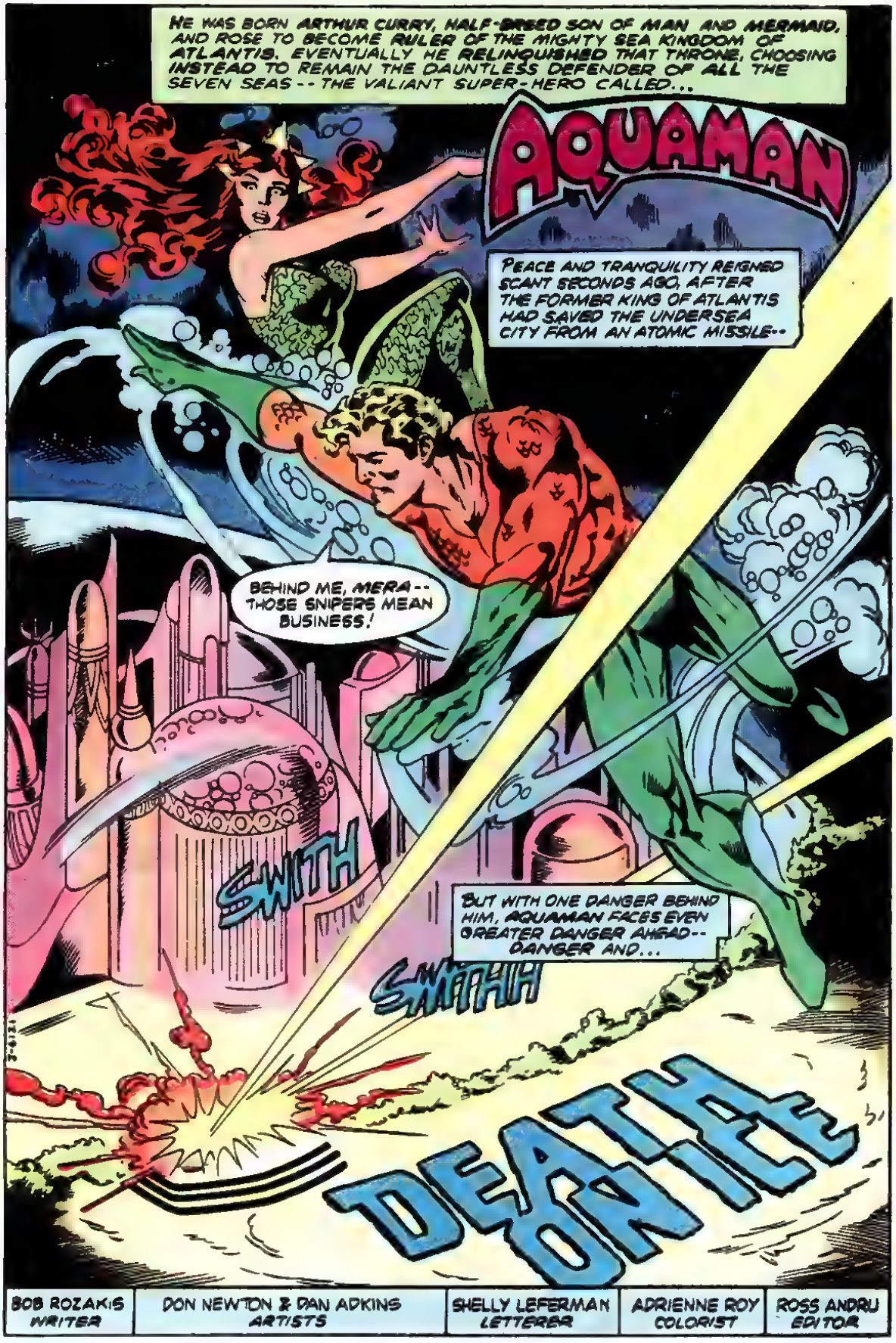
HE WAS BORN ARTHUR CURRY, HALF-BREED SON OF MAN AND MERMAID, AND ROSE TO BECOME RULER OF THE MIGHTY SEA KINGDOM OF ATLANTIS. EVENTUALLY HE RELINQUISHED THAT THRONE, CHOOSING INSTEAD TO REMAIN THE DAUNTLESS DEFENDER OF ALL THE SEVEN SEAS -- THE VALIANT SUPER-HERO CALLED...
AQUAMAN
PEACE AND TRANQUILITY REIGNED SCANT SECONDS AGO, AFTER THE FORMER KING OF ATLANTIS HAD SAVED THE UNDERSEA CITY FROM AN ATOMIC MISSILE--
BEHIND ME, MERA-- THOSE SNIPERS MEAN BUSINESS!
SWITH
BUT WITH ONE DANGER BEHIND HIM, AQUAMAN FACES EVEN GREATER DANGER AHEAD-- DANGER AND...
SWATHH
DEATH ON ICE

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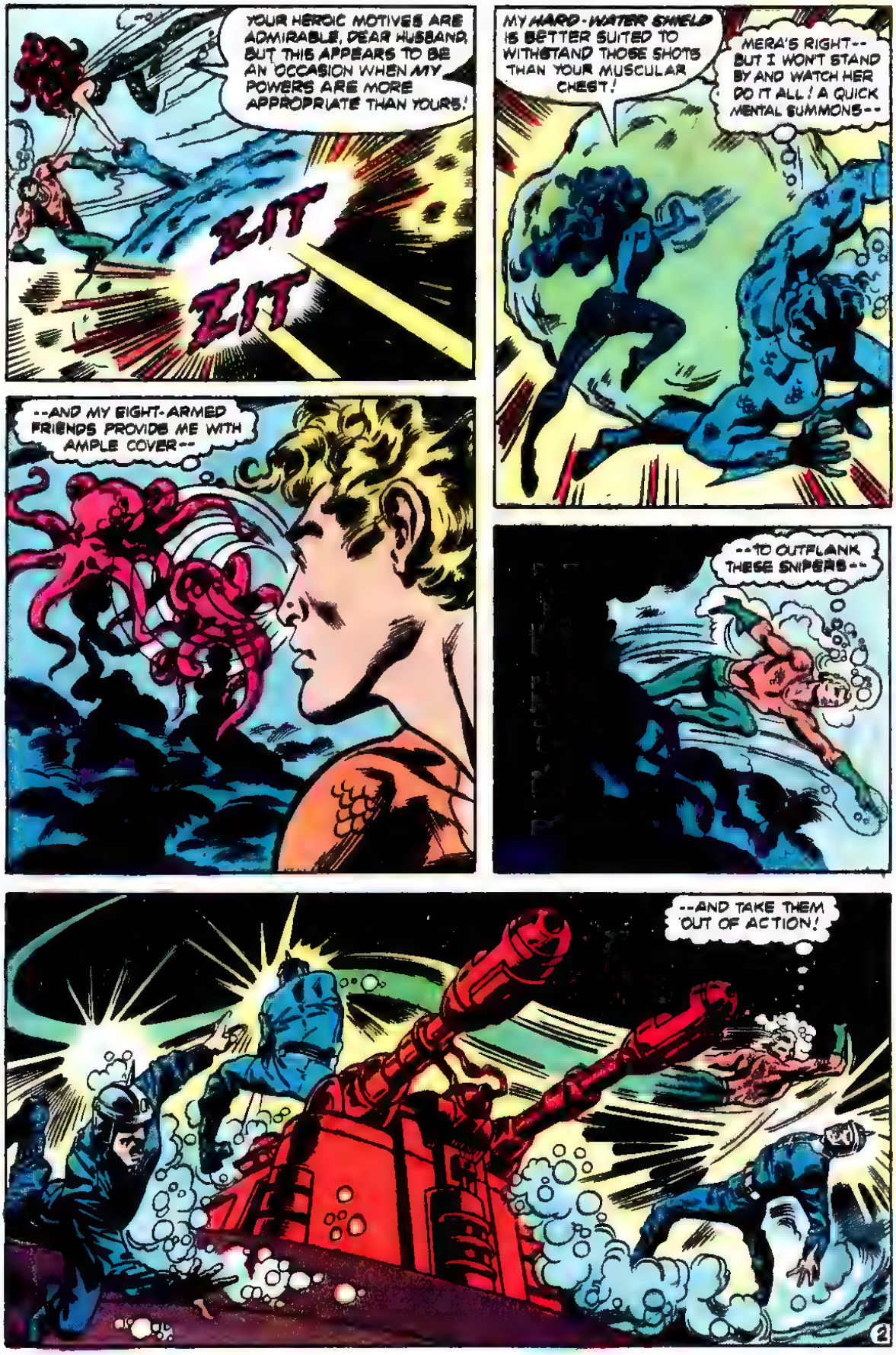
YOUR HEROIC MOTIVES ARE ADMIRABLE, DEAR HUSBAND, BUT THIS APPEARS TO BE AN OCCASION WHEN MY POWERS ARE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN YOURS!
ZIT
ZIT
MY HARD-WATER SHIELD IS BETTER SUITED TO WITHSTAND THOSE SHOTS THAN YOUR MUSCULAR CHEST!
MERA'S RIGHT-- BUT I WON'T STAND BY AND WATCH HER DO IT ALL! A QUICK MENTAL SUMMONS--
--AND MY EIGHT-ARMED FRIENDS PROVIDE ME WITH AMPLE COVER--
--TO OUTFLANK THESE SNIPERS--
--AND TAKE THEM OUT OF ACTION!
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MERA WILL CATCH UP WITH ME IN A MOMENT! MEANTIME, I'LL TAKE THESE THREE TO VULKO AND SEE HOW HE WANTS TO DISPOSE OF THEM!
AND, SHORTLY, IN THE PALACE OF THE KING OF ATLANTIS...
--LET THEM GO!? VULKO, YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT!
THESE MEN ARE PART OF A CONSPIRACY TO TAKE OVER YOUR CITY! EITHER ATLANTIS PROSECUTES OR I'LL TAKE THEM TO THE UNITED NATIONS!
YOU'LL DO NEITHER, AQUAMAN...
...AS KING, I CHOOSE NOT TO BRING THESE MEN TO TRIAL! GUARDS, RELEASE THEM ALL!
VULKO, YOUR "MERCY" GOES TOO FAR--
--IF I MUST, I'LL DISPOSE YOU... WHAT?!?
YOU-YOU'RE NOT REAL! YOU'RE ONE OF THEIR HOLOGRAMS!
HAHA! HOW LONG IT TOOK YOU TO DISCOVER THIS, AQUAMAN! BUT THE INFORMATION WILL DO YOU UTTLE GOOD!
WE HAVE TAKEN CONTROL OF ATLANTIS! YOU CANNOT STOP US!
GUARDS--PUT THAT IMPOSTER IN A CELL!
REALLY, AQUA-MAN--WHAT CELL CAN HOLD A "MAN" WHO CAN DO THIS?
THIS IS FAR WORSE THAN I DREAMED! THEY'VE CONTROLLED THIS CITY FOR NEPTUNE KNOWS HOW LONG--
--AND I'M HELPLESS TO DO ANYTHING HERE TO STOP THEM!
HAHAHAHA! GO AHEAD, AQUAMAN, ORDER US LOCKED UP TOO! WE'LL BE OUT BEFORE YOU KNOW IT...ALL ATLANTEANS WILL BE OUR PRISONERS!
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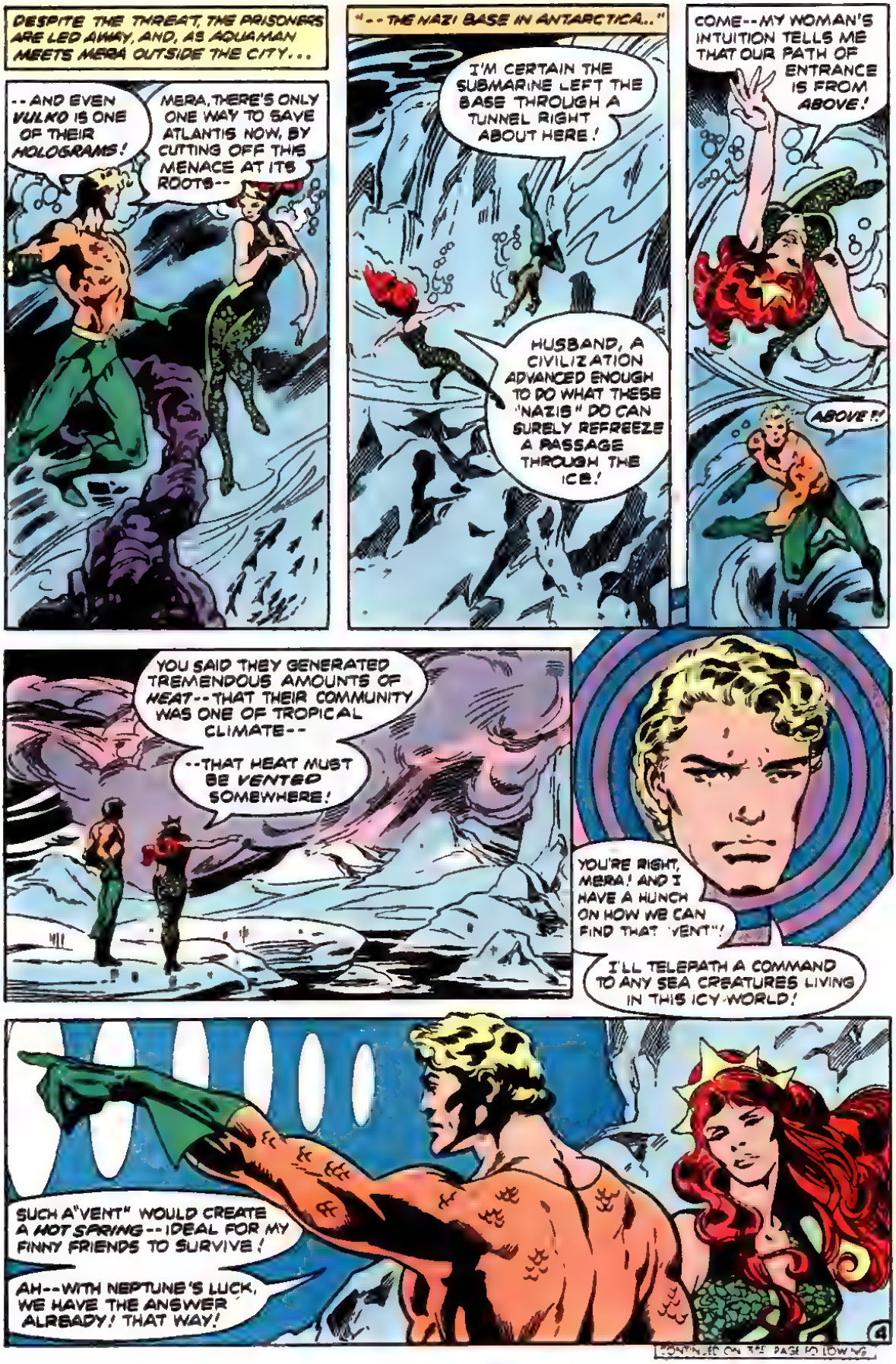
DESPITE THE THREAT, THE PRISONERS ARE LED AWAY, AND, AS AQUAMAN MEETS MERA OUTSIDE THE CITY...
--AND EVEN VULKO IS ONE OF THEIR HOLOGRAMS!
MERA, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE ATLANTIS NOW, BY CUTTING OFF THIS MENACE AT ITS ROOTS--
"--THE NAZI BASE IN ANTARCTICA..."
I'M CERTAIN THE SUBMARINE LEFT THE BASE THROUGH A TUNNEL RIGHT ABOUT HERE!
HUSBAND, A CIVILIZATION ADVANCED ENOUGH TO DO WHAT THESE "NAZIS" DO CAN SURELY REFREEZE A PASSAGE THROUGH THE ICE!
COME--MY WOMAN'S INTUITION TELLS ME THAT OUR PATH OF ENTRANCE IS FROM ABOVE!
ABOVE?!
YOU SAID THEY GENERATED TREMENDOUS AMOUNTS OF HEAT--THAT THEIR COMMUNITY WAS ONE OF TROPICAL CLIMATE--
--THAT HEAT MUST BE VENTED SOMEWHERE!
YOU'RE RIGHT, MERA! AND I HAVE A HUNCH ON HOW WE CAN FIND THAT "VENT"!
I'LL TELEPATH A COMMAND TO ANY SEA CREATURES LIVING IN THIS ICY WORLD!
SUCH A "VENT" WOULD CREATE A HOT SPRING--IDEAL FOR MY FINNY FRIENDS TO SURVIVE!
AH--WITH NEPTUNE'S LUCK, WE HAVE THE ANSWER ALREADY! THAT WAY!
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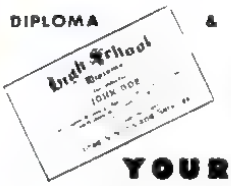

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THIS IS INCREDIBLE ! I EXPECTED THE WARM POOL, BUT NOT THE FOLIAGE !
BOTANY IS NOT YOUR STRONG SUIT, AQUAMAN ! I SUGGEST WE EXPLORE THAT POOL --
--EVERY MOMENT WE DELAY COULD BRING THE TOTAL DOWNFALL OF ATLANTIS!
SPLASHH
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW THE BUBBLES--
--AND THEY LEAD US TO THIS! THIS MUST BE THE MAIN AIR EXHAUST SHAFT!
LEAD THE WAY...
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD STAY HERE, MERA--IF I DON'T RETURN--YOU CAN GO FOR HELP!!
HELP FROM WHOM? CAN YOU TELL ME WHO TO TRUST...WHO IS NOT ONE OF THESE HOLOGRAMS!?
5

VERBOTEN!
NO--WAIT--! LET'S GO THIS WAY.
IF THIS PLACE IS FORBIDDEN, IT MUST BE WORTH CHECKING OUT!
LET'S JUST SEE WHAT'S INSIDE--
GREAT NEPTUNE! THE SCOPE OF THIS IS OVER-WHELMING! EVERY ONE OF THEM IS CONTROLLING A HOLOGRAM!
THIS MUST BE DESTROYED!
THIS CAN WAIT, HUSBAND--FIRST WE MUST FIND THE LEADERS AND THE REAL VULKO!
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CLOSE THE DOOR AND LETS MOVE... I SENSE WE SHOULD GO THIS WAY!
OTTEN!
YOUR "INTUITION" WAS RIGHT ONCE TODAY! LET'S GO!
BUT, AS THE KING OF THE SEA BURSTS INTO THE ROOM...
HELGA! YOU!?!
SURPRISED, AQUAMAN? DON'T BE!
THE "HELGA" KILLED IN THE SUBMARINE WAS MERELY A CLONE--THE RESULT OF ANOTHER OF OUR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS!
WE ARE JUST BEGINNING TO MASS-PRODUCE THE CLONES!
SOON, THEY WILL SURPASS OUR NEED FOR THE HOLOGRAMS! THEN ATLANTIS...THE WORLD...WILL BE OURS!
YOU'LL NEVER SUCCEED!
REALLY? I'M AFRAID YOUR BRAVADO IS BECOMING COMICAL!
THWARP!
COMING HERE THROUGH OUR AIR SHAFT DRIED YOU OUT QUITE NICELY--
--YOUR STRENGTH IS ALMOST GONE ALREADY!
AND, UNFORTUNATELY, YOU CANNOT EVEN LOOK TO YOUR WIFE FOR HELP--
WHUMMP
--EVEN SHE IS ONE OF OUR ARMY! HAHA!
UNNGHH!
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AND WHEN AQUAMAN HAS RECOVERED...
DON'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE, AQUAMAN--THIS TANK-CELL IS ONLY TEMPORARY! WE INTEND TO KEEP YOU IN A SPECIAL TANK FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES--
--TO CREATE A THOROUGHLY OBEDIENT AQUA-CLONE!
YOU WILL RECEIVE JUST ENOUGH WATER EVERY HOUR TO KEEP YOU ALIVE--
--BUT THAT IS ALL!
STILL, YOU MAY PASS THE TIME WITH SIGGY HERE--ONE OF OUR FAILURES WE STILL HOPE TO SALVAGE!
STILL THE FRIGHTENED ONE, EH, BIGGY? HAHA!
AND, AS HELGA AND HER MEN EXIT, LAUGHING...
CAN'T JUST LIE HERE LIKE A FISH OUT OF WATER--MAYBE I CAN "TUNE IN" ON SIGGY AND HE CAN HELP ME ESCAPE!
SIGGY WAS "CREATED" BY THESE MADMEN, ENLARGED WITH SOME GROWTH HORMONES AND GIVEN THOSE "ARMS" VIA SOME BIZARRE GRAFTING TECHNIQUE!
GOT TO TRY TO MAKE SIGGY UNDERSTAND--IF HE CAN USE HIS CLAWS TO OPEN THE WATER FLOW INTO MY TANK...
THANK NEPTUNE! SIGGY MAY HAVE BEEN A DISAPPOINTMENT TO HELGA, BUT HIS DEFTNESS WITH THOSE CLAWS IS A LIFESAVER TO ME!
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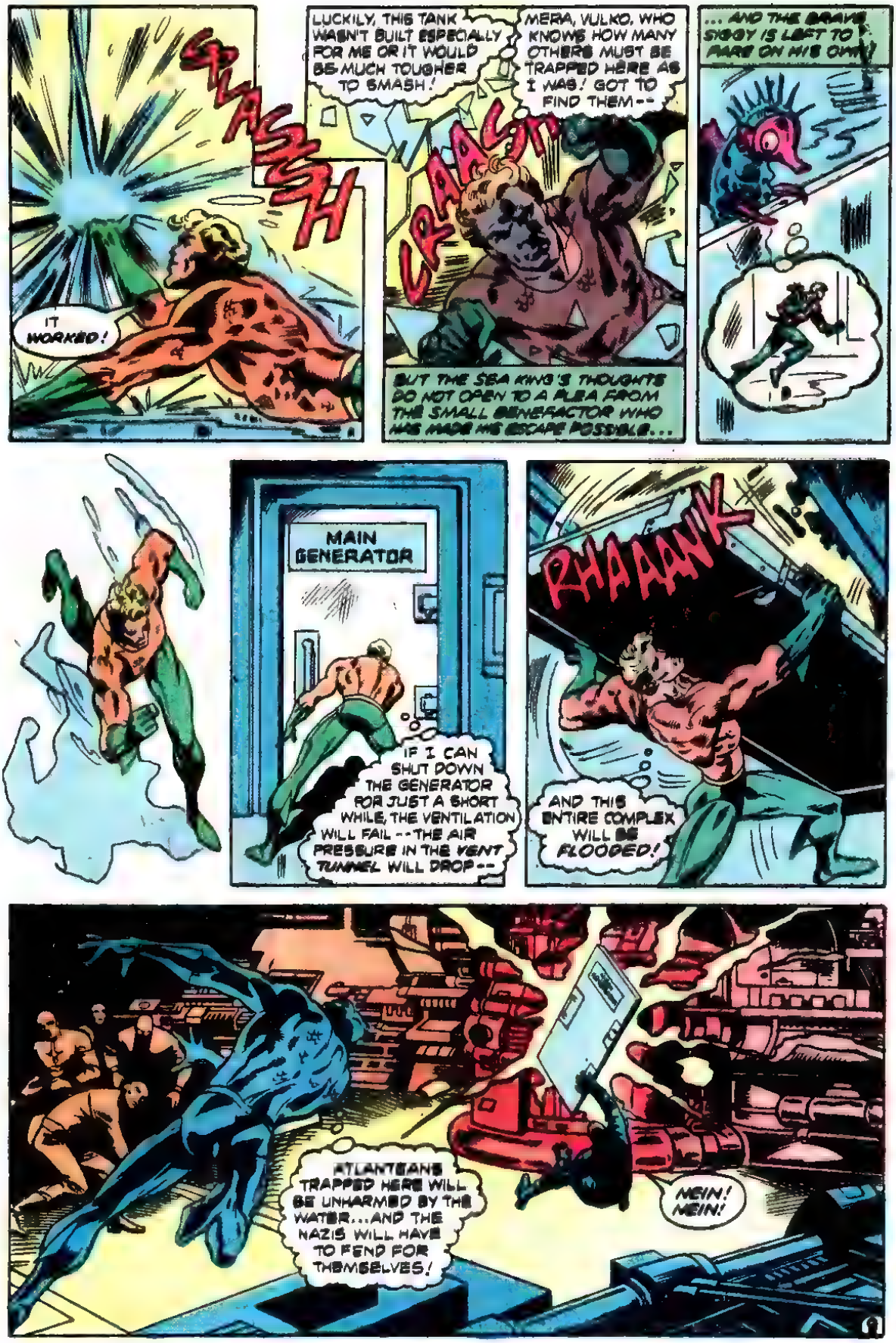
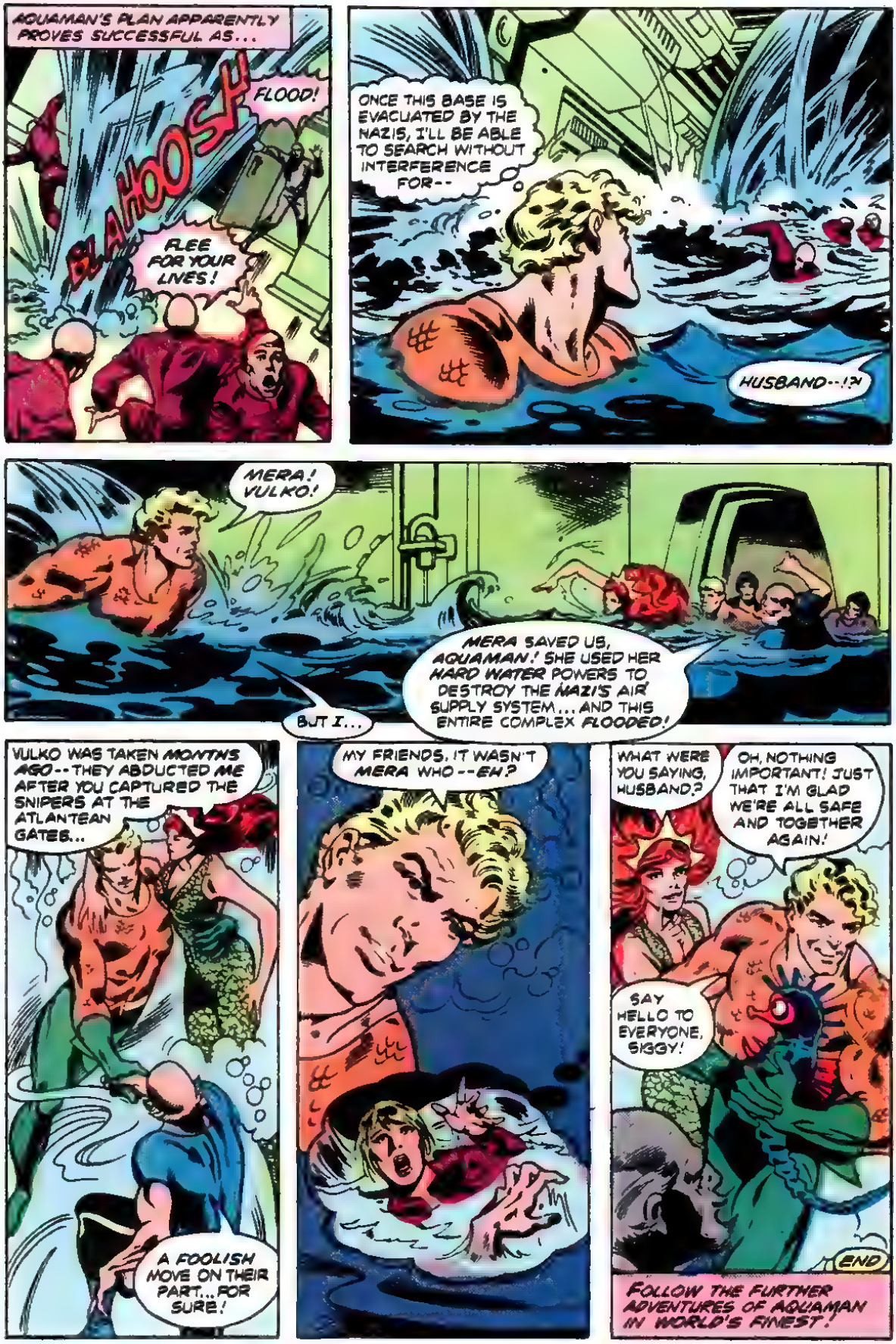

SMASH
IT WORKED!
LUCKILY, THIS TANK WASN'T BUILT ESPECIALLY FOR ME OR IT WOULD BE MUCH TOUGHER TO SMASH!
MERA, VULKO, WHO KNOWS HOW MANY OTHERS MUST BE TRAPPED HERE AS I WAS! GOT TO FIND THEM--
GRAAUT
BUT THE SEA KING'S THOUGHTS DO NOT OPEN TO A FLEA FROM THE SMALL BENEFACTOR WHO HAS MADE HIS ESCAPE POSSIBLE...
... AND THE BRAVE SIGGY IS LEFT TO FARE ON HIS OWN!
MAIN GENERATOR
IF I CAN SHUT DOWN THE GENERATOR FOR JUST A SHORT WHILE, THE VENTILATION WILL FAIL--THE AIR PRESSURE IN THE VENT TUNNEL WILL DROP--
RHAAANK
AND THIS ENTIRE COMPLEX WILL BE FLOODED!
ATLANTEANS TRAPPED HERE WILL BE UNHARMED BY THE WATER...AND THE NAZIS WILL HAVE TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES!
MEIN! MEIN!


AQUAMAN'S PLAN APPARENTLY PROVES SUCCESSFUL AS...
KA-HOOSH!
FLOOD!
FLEE FOR YOUR LIVES!
ONCE THIS BASE IS EVACUATED BY THE NAZIS, I'LL BE ABLE TO SEARCH WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FOR--
HUSBAND--!?
MERA! VULKO!
MERA SAVED US, AQUAMAN! SHE USED HER HARD WATER POWERS TO DESTROY THE NAZI'S AIR SUPPLY SYSTEM... AND THIS ENTIRE COMPLEX FLOODED!
BUT I...
VULKO WAS TAKEN MONTHS AGO--THEY ABDUCTED ME AFTER YOU CAPTURED THE SNIPERS AT THE ATLANTEAN GATES...
A FOOLISH MOVE ON THEIR PART...FOR SURE!
MY FRIENDS, IT WASN'T MERA WHO--EH?
WHAT WERE YOU SAYING, HUSBAND?
OH, NOTHING IMPORTANT! JUST THAT I'M GLAD WE'RE ALL SAFE AND TOGETHER AGAIN!
SAY HELLO TO EVERYONE, SIGGY!
END
FOLLOW THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF AQUAMAN IN WORLD'S FINEST!

DATELINE: ADVENTURE

Dear Editor:

Adventure 463 was a very good "wrap-up" issue for three out of the five stories were conclusions to continued adventures. But first off let's discuss the Flash story "Urtumi, The Image Eater." This was the second time in two issues that the idea of an image was used. In the last issue it was an astral image, in this story it was an ectoplasmic image. Come on now enough is enough.

I also found the Wonder Woman story to be a bit weak. WW deserves more than a simple overused bee swarm story. I hope the conclusion is a bit more interesting. Also, how about a romantic interest for her now that Steve Trevor-Howard is beyond resurrection (Or isn't he?).

Now on to the good stories, the "wrap-ups". The Justice Society story, "The Night of The Soul Thief," was a well-written conclusion to the death of Batman plot. The hero of the story had to be Doctor Fate. I especially liked the way that he restored the memory of Batman to the people and at the same time wiped out the fact that Bruce Wayne and the Batman were the same person, thereby allowing the identities of Robin and the Huntress to remain secret.

"Mind over Murder", the Deadman story was also a fine conclusion. It was an exciting, well-paced story but it was also sort of sad, what with Boston Brand being denied the life he wants so desperately. Then of course if he ever did get life there would be no need for a Deadman comic so it is to be expected.

Finally, I really liked the Aquaman story. The title, "Climax" says it all. It really seemed that the whole world, including Mera and Aqualad was against him until the truth about UFP was found out. As his wife and friend I thought that they would have more trust in him than that.

Craig Wiener
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The coincidence of the three wrap-ups in #463 was a bit much, and we'll try to space out our multi-parters a bit more in the future.

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Dear Editor,

Adventure Comics has definitely been going downhill lately, and the recent change in editors hasn't helped put it on the upswing again.

"Urtumi the Image Eater" was one of the low points of this issue. I've heard Don Heck described as one of the fastest comic book artists in the biz. If this is true, I'm hoping he'll slow down a bit. If he takes more time, maybe his art will look better. His version of the Flash seems to SLIDE across the ground, rather than run. I usually only remember a story when it's either very good or very bad, and I'm afraid that this story was the latter. The 'vengeful monster rises up to destroy everybody because of tampering with ancient artifact' type plot has just about been worn out.

"Mind over Murder" was the high point of the issue. Reading this series has made me realize how much I've missed Deadman since his series in Strange Adventures ended. Now, if only we could have Neal Adams drawing it again! Seeing the blurb for the Deadman story originally scheduled for Showcase reminds me of the Steve Ditko Creeper story that was supposed to be in Showcase. Will it ever be printed, and if so, when?

"The Night of the Soul Thief" was an entertaining feature. I'm glad to see that someone else is inking Staton's pencils, because his art sometimes looks rushed when he inks it himself.

"Climax" was another low point. My previous comments about Don's art repeat themselves here. Paul Kupperburg's story was rather ho-hum. It seemed like the same "big company misleads customers, hero uncovers evidence convicting big company after being told not to by well-meaning public official, big company is convicted, hero is welcomed back and all is forgiven" type of plot that I've seen many times before.

Joe Staton's art was a welcome change for the Wonder Woman feature, "The Insanity Swarm". Why hasn't Frank McLaughlin done any penciling for DC? I've seen his penciling in Marvel's Kung Fu magazines, and it was fantastic!

Brent Iverson
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Frank worked on the KUNG FU stories, and earlier on JUDOMASTER for Charlton because of his love of the martial arts, and it'd take a project that special to him to get his pencil unlimbered. But give us time, we'll think of one—especially since we'd like to get you to join that majority of our correspondents who are pleased with the way ADVENTURE has been going.

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A letter for everybody!

First, I want to praise you for all the work in putting out the dollar size comics. I'm sending this letter to Adventure comics for no particular reason but that it was the last dollar-size I bought. I want to make a suggestion that I hope you take seriously and share with your readers. Since there are mystery dollar-size comics and war dollar-size comics, why not put out a science fiction dollar-size comic?

I would suggest all new Adam Strange stories, a continuation of your canceled Star Hunters magazine, perhaps a Swamp Thing series, and even a few Kamandi stories. Also, the Atomic Knights, the Sea Devils, Rip Hunter, and even Hawkman in outer space would be welcome. The Kirby world, especially the Demon (out of place in Detective) and Mister Miracle would make a good feature as well. I feel that the appeal of these characters is strong enough to warrant a magazine and I would like to see it happen. DC has very little to offer on the market in science fiction. One good magazine would be great!

Marvel has done a number of good things, but they tend to overdo it, just like the monster madness a few years ago. Bringing back Strange Adventures with new stories of all these great DC science fiction heroes would be the best move DC could make in 1979.

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We certainly hope it's the best move we can make in 1979, James, because our new sf dollar comic TIME WARP is on the newsstands right now! And while we didn't go with the series, or use the grand old name of STRANGE ADVENTURES, some of the top talents in comics are hard at work on stories for the mag. Check it out and see

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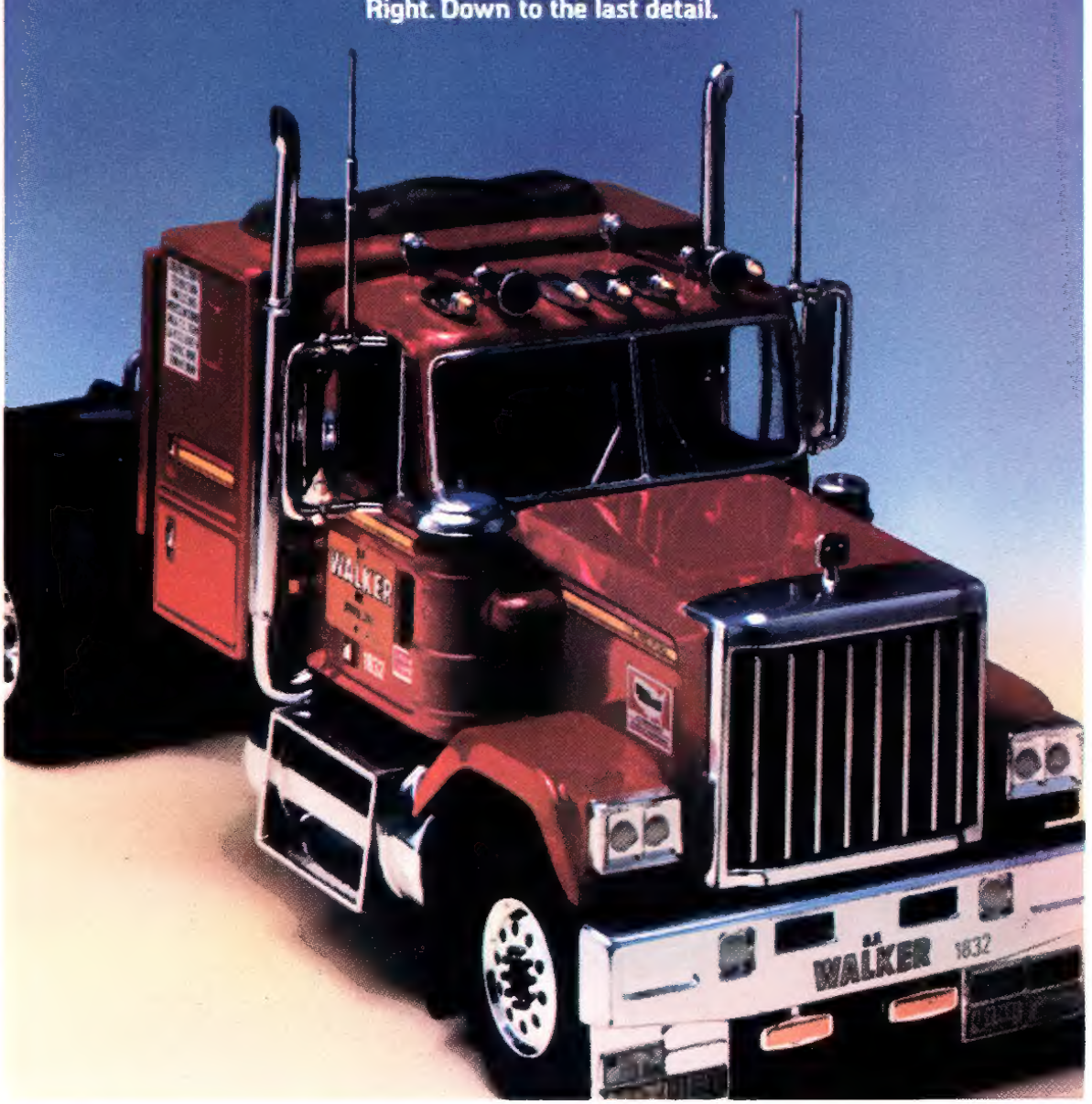

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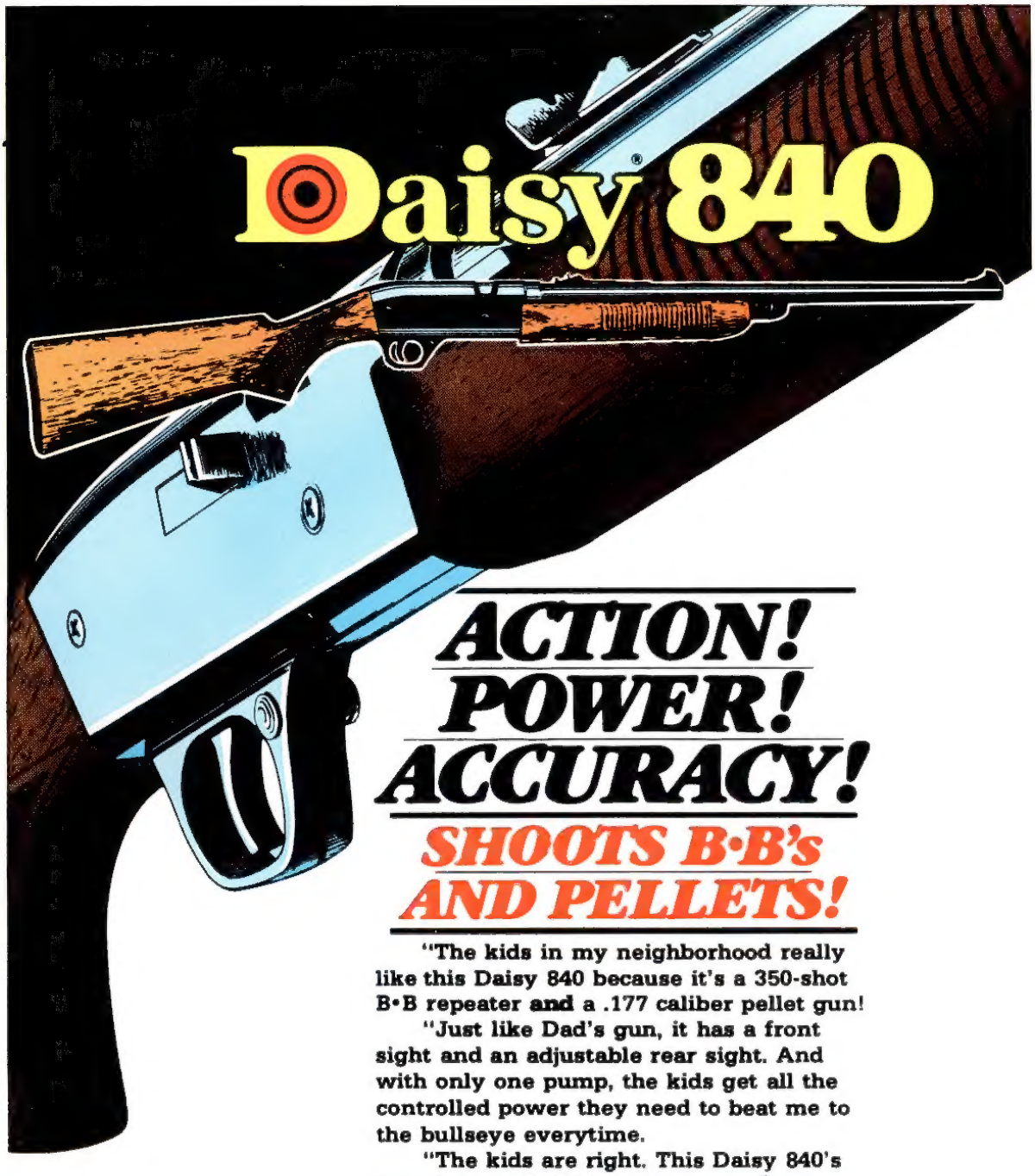

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